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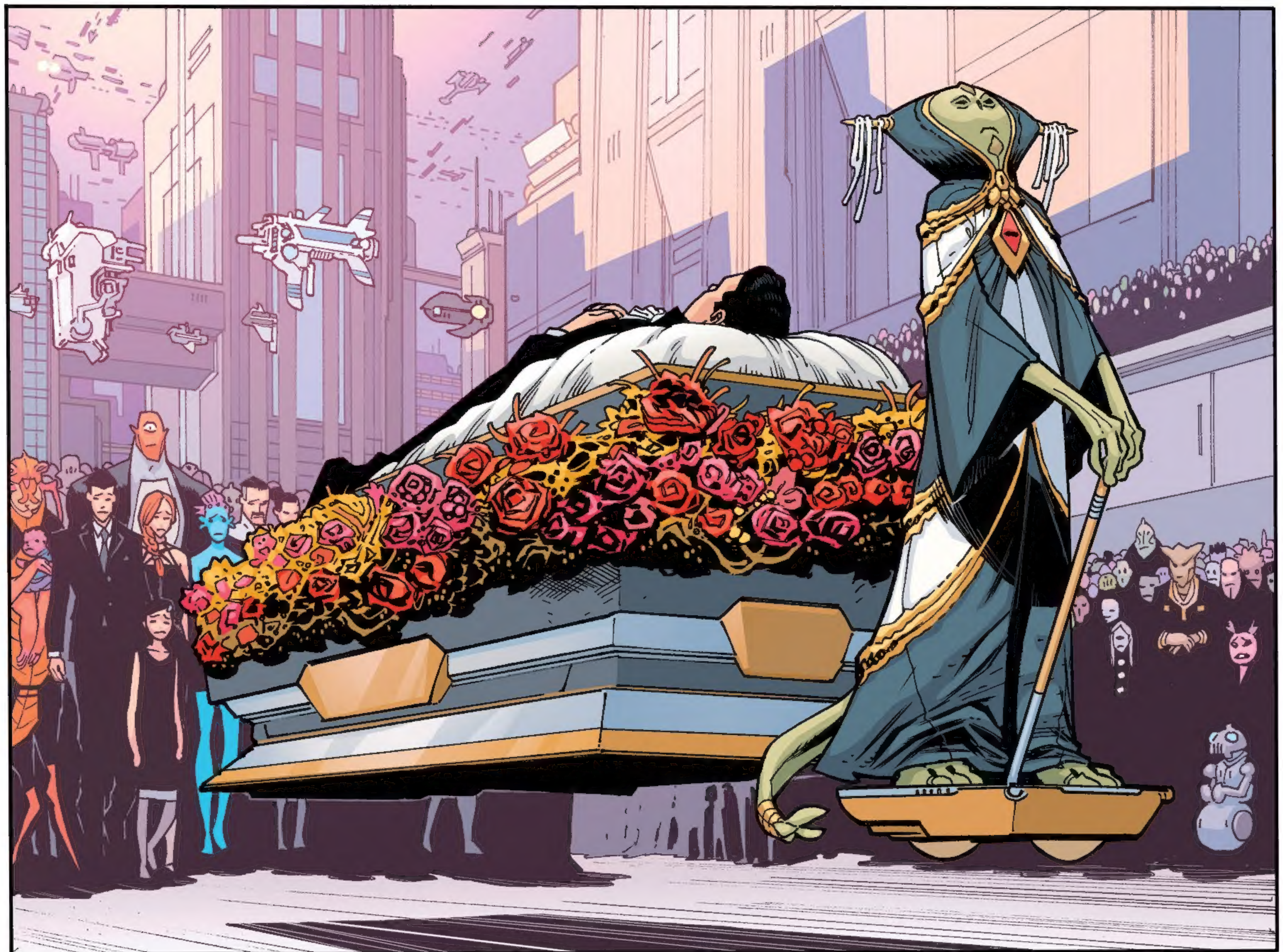
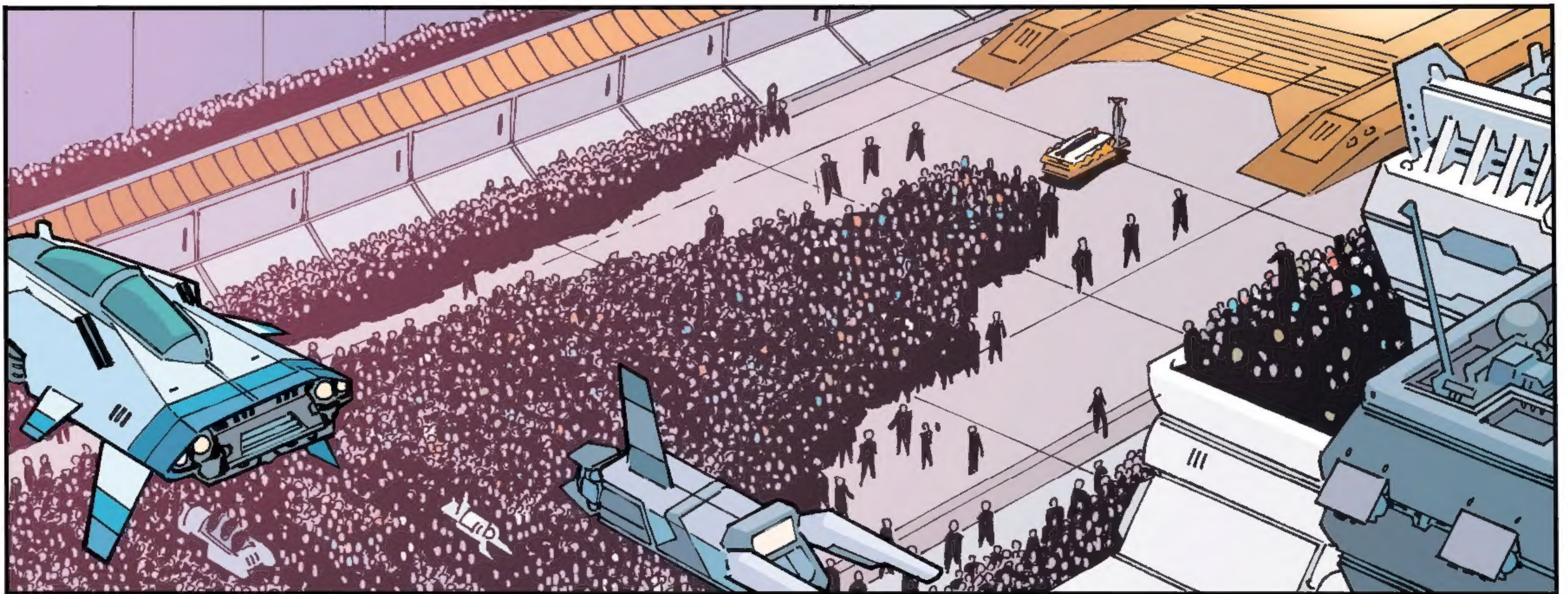
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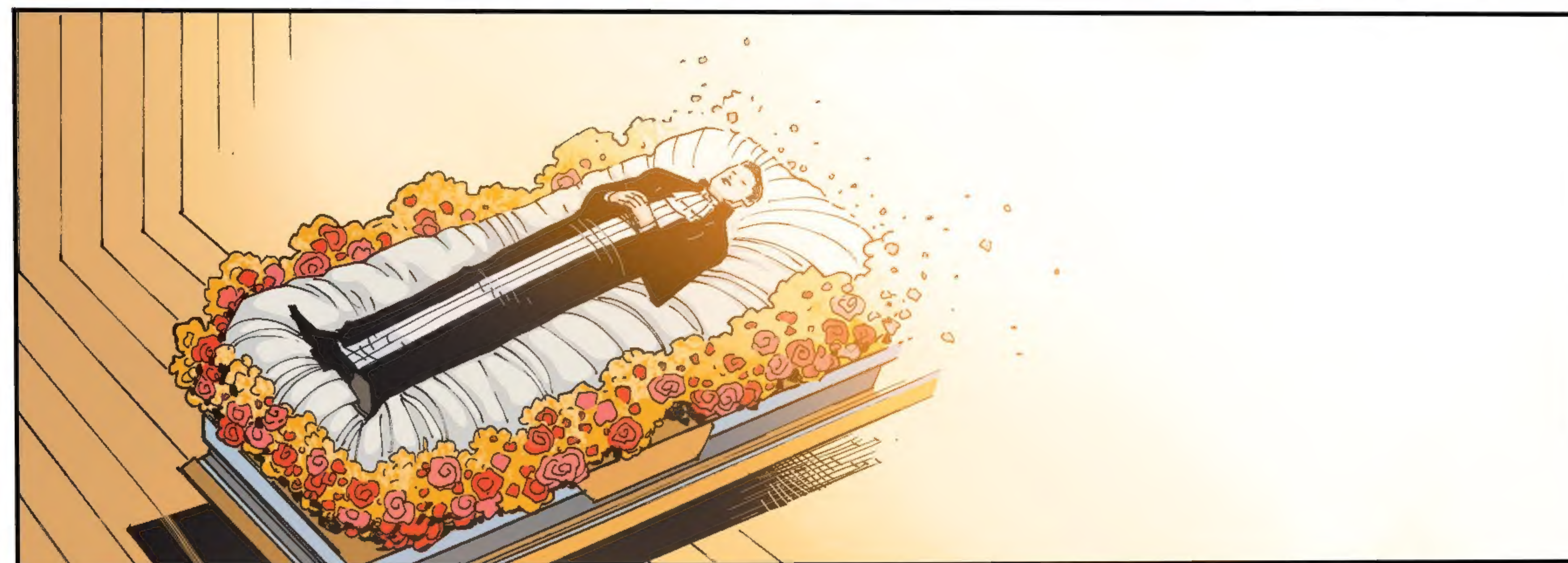
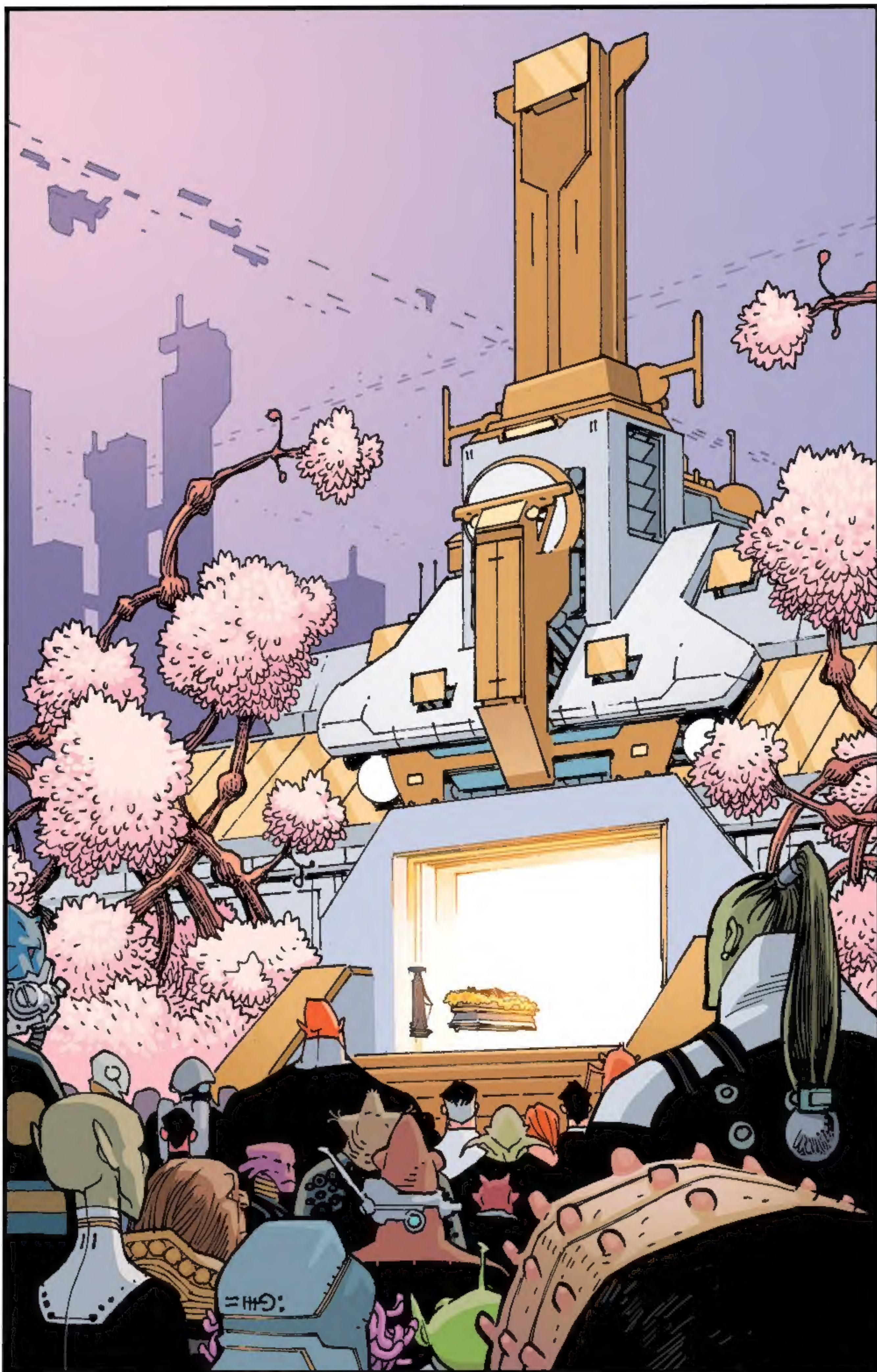
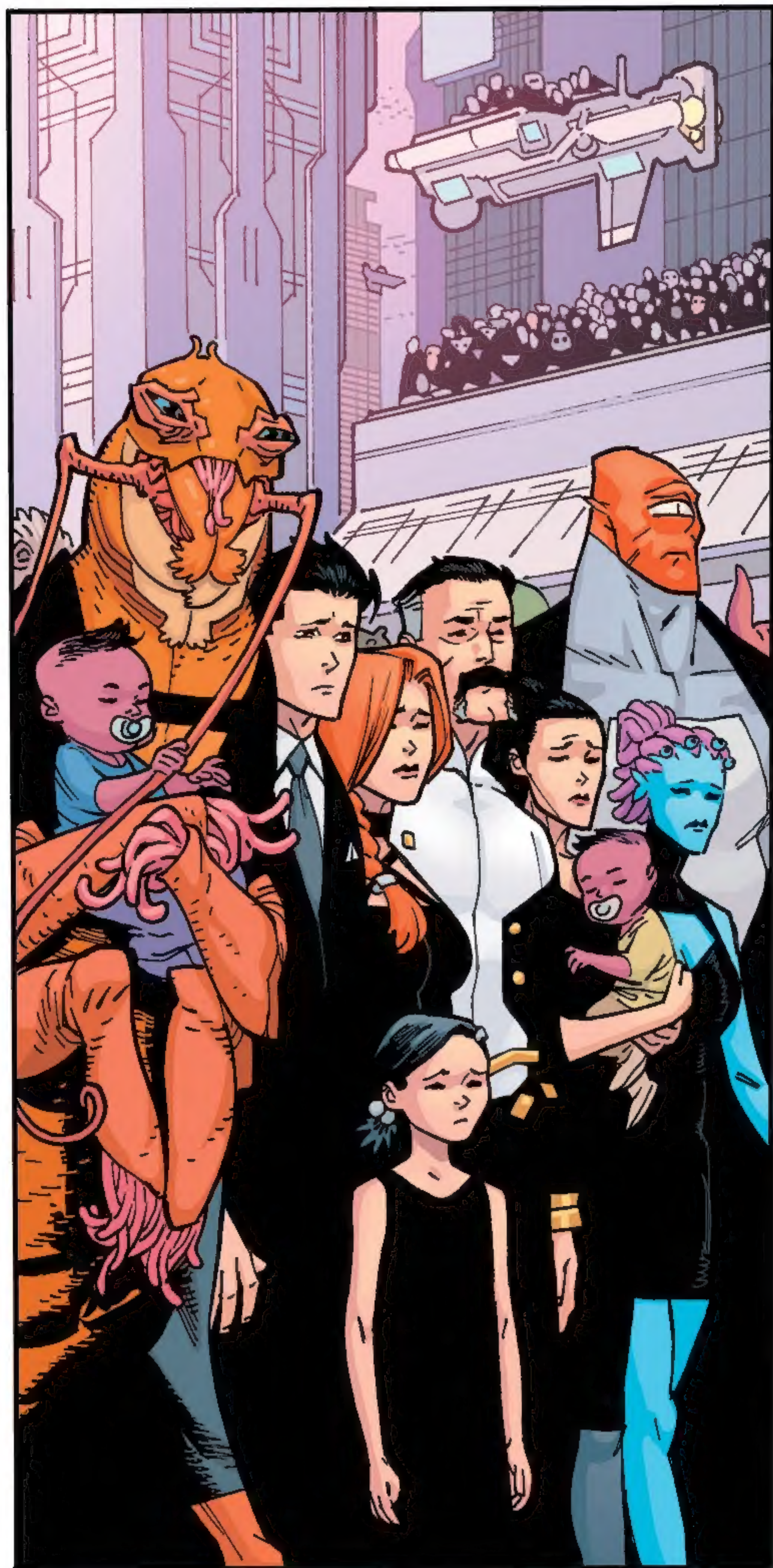
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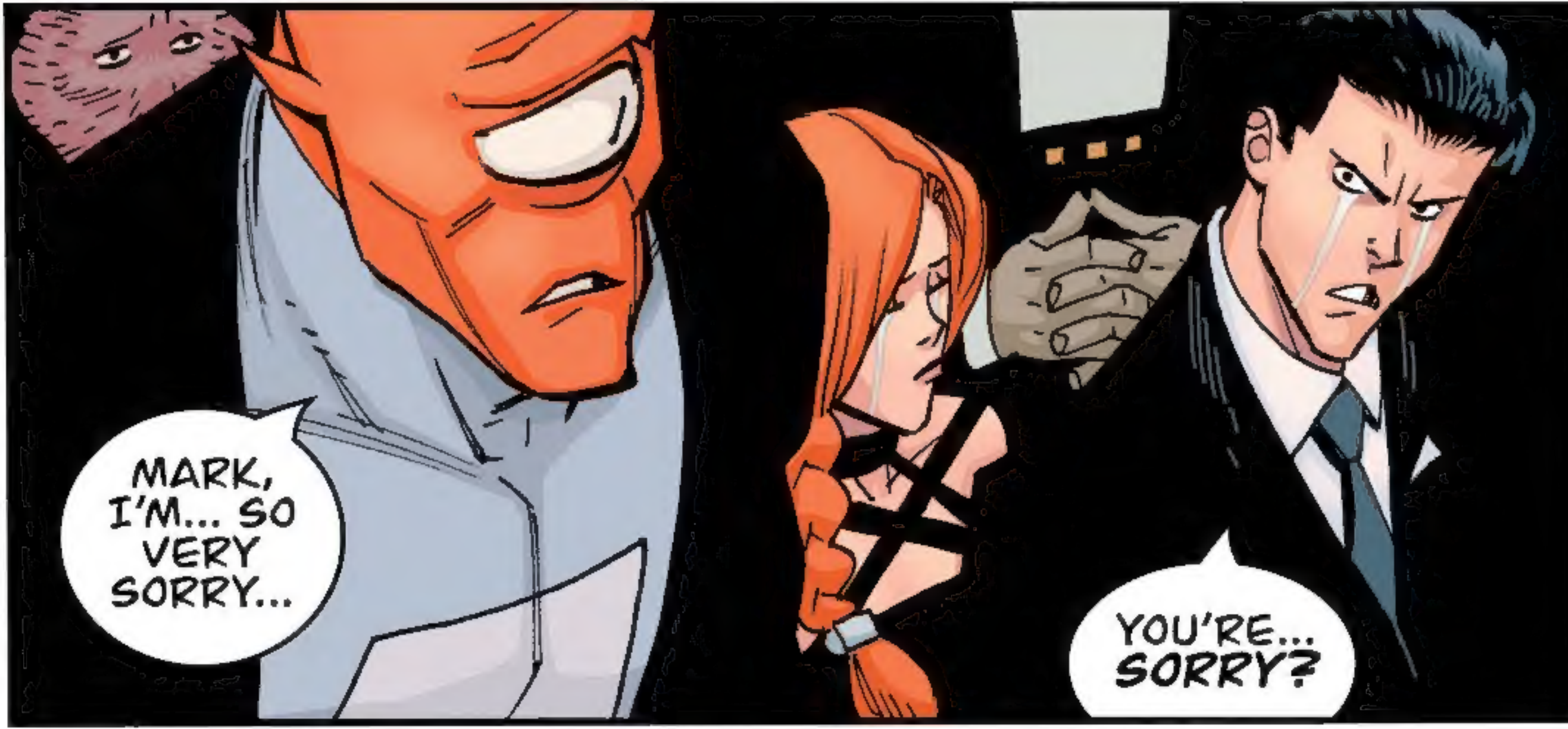
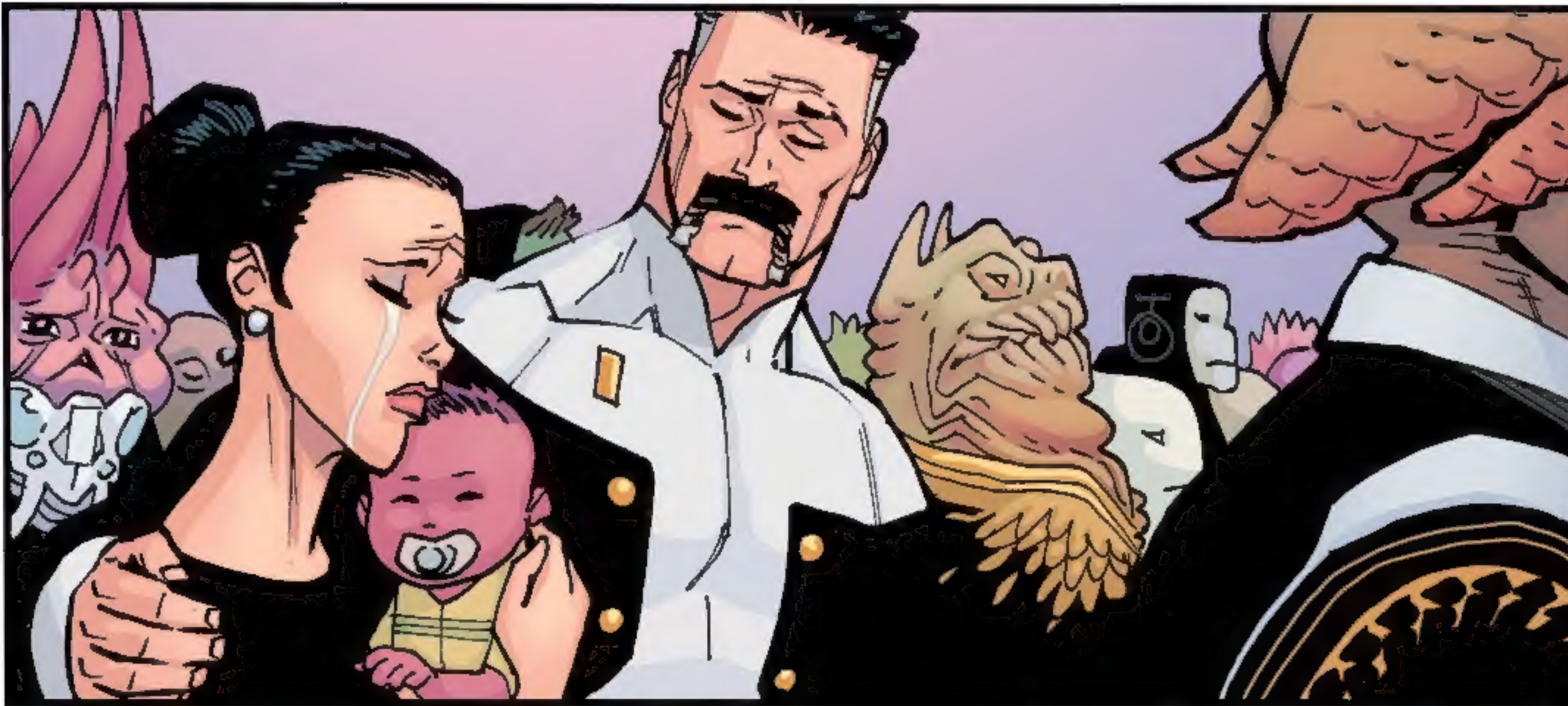
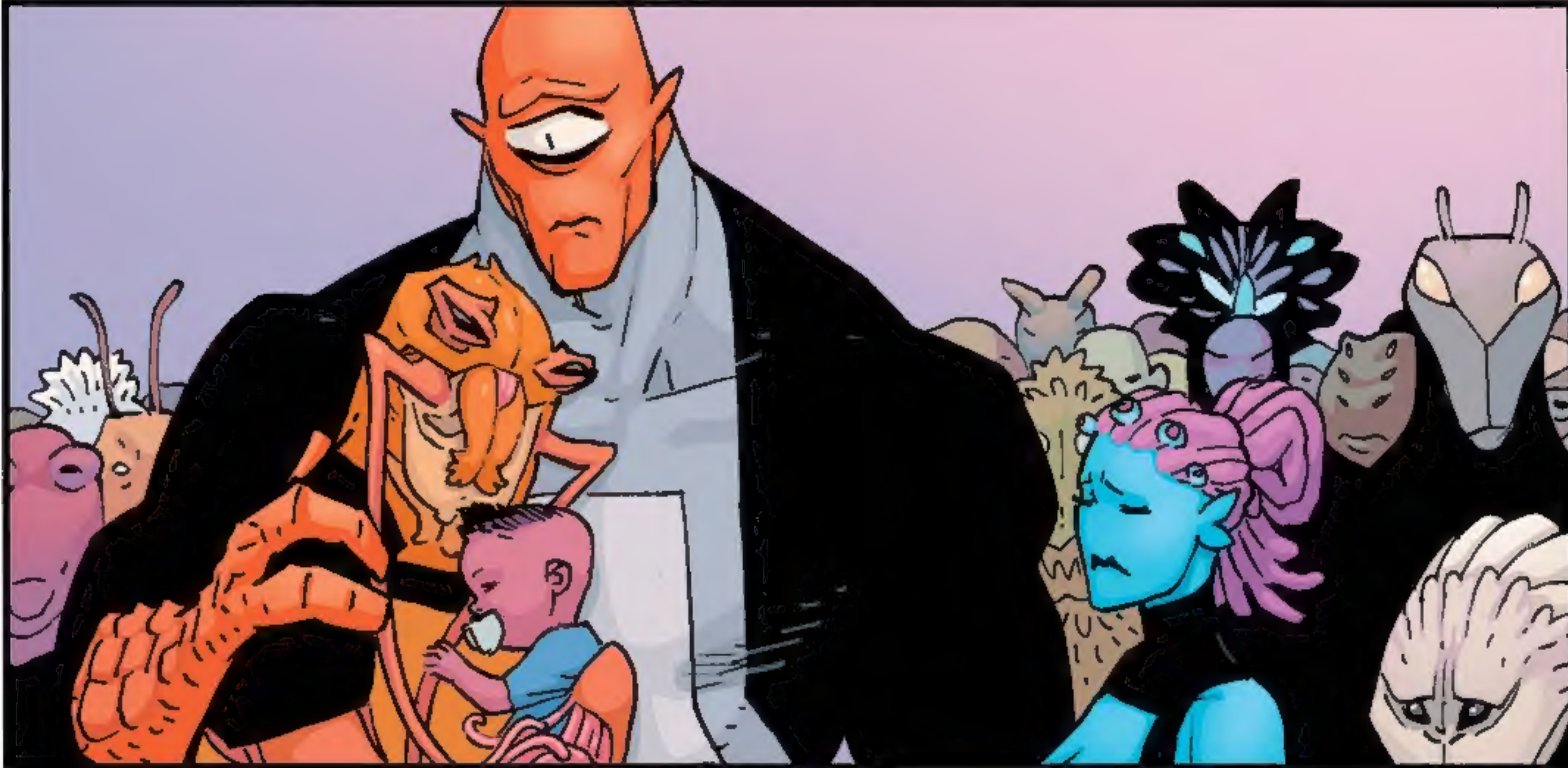
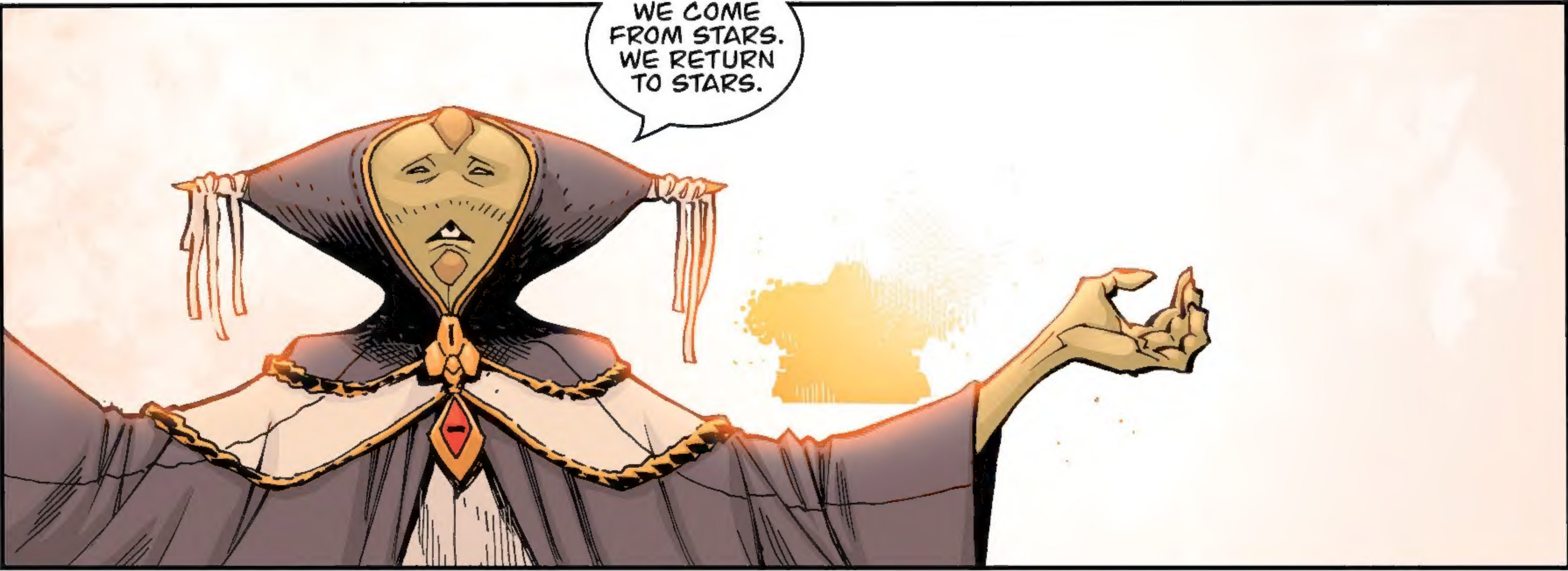
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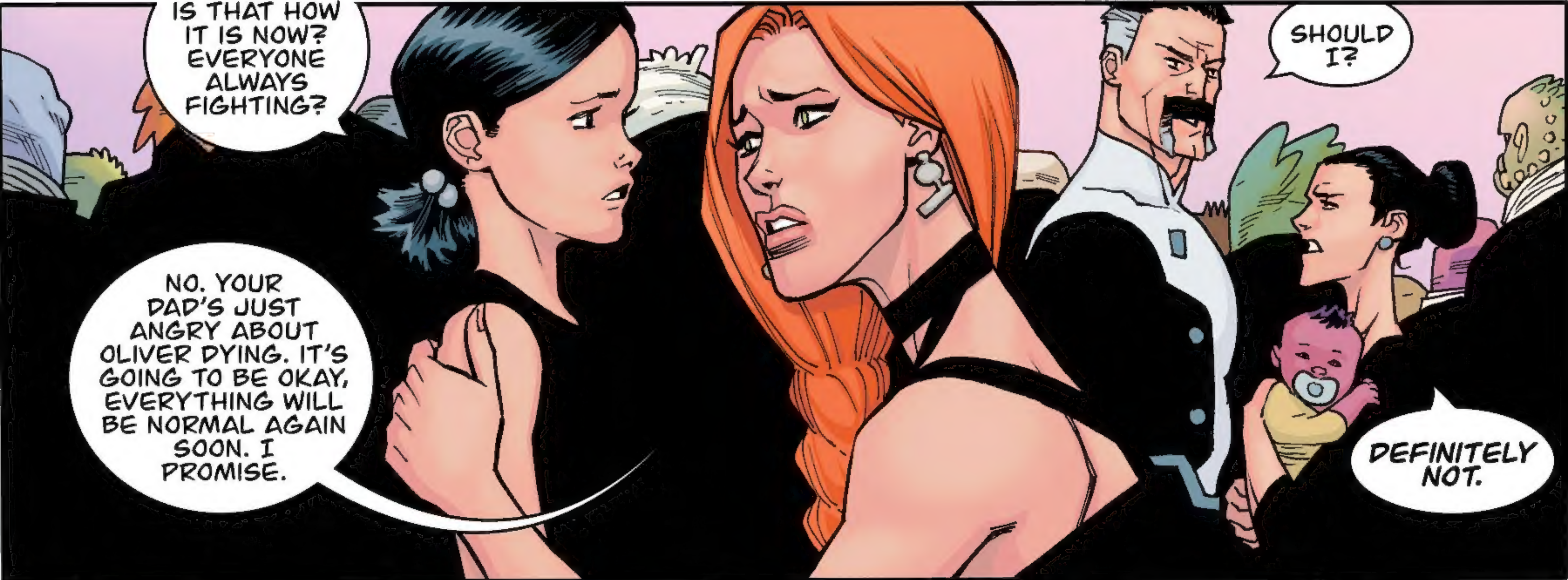












IS THAT HOW IT IS NOW? EVERYONE ALWAYS FIGHTING?

NO. YOUR DAD'S JUST ANGRY ABOUT OLIVER DYING. IT'S GOING TO BE OKAY, EVERYTHING WILL BE NORMAL AGAIN SOON. I PROMISE.

SHOULD I?

DEFINITELY NOT.



MARK. STOP THIS.

THE PEOPLE OF TALESCRIA SHOULDN'T SEE THIS.



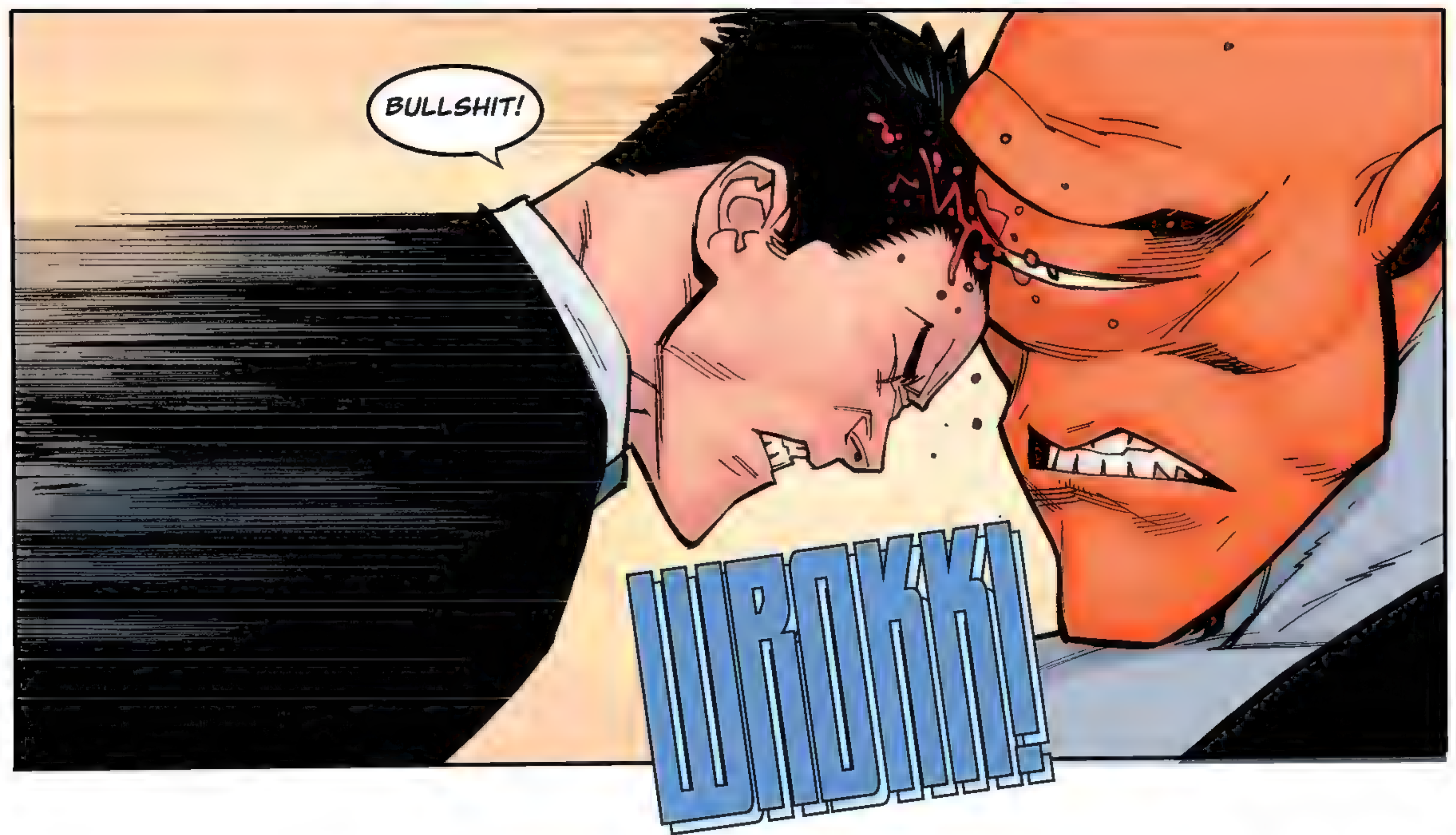
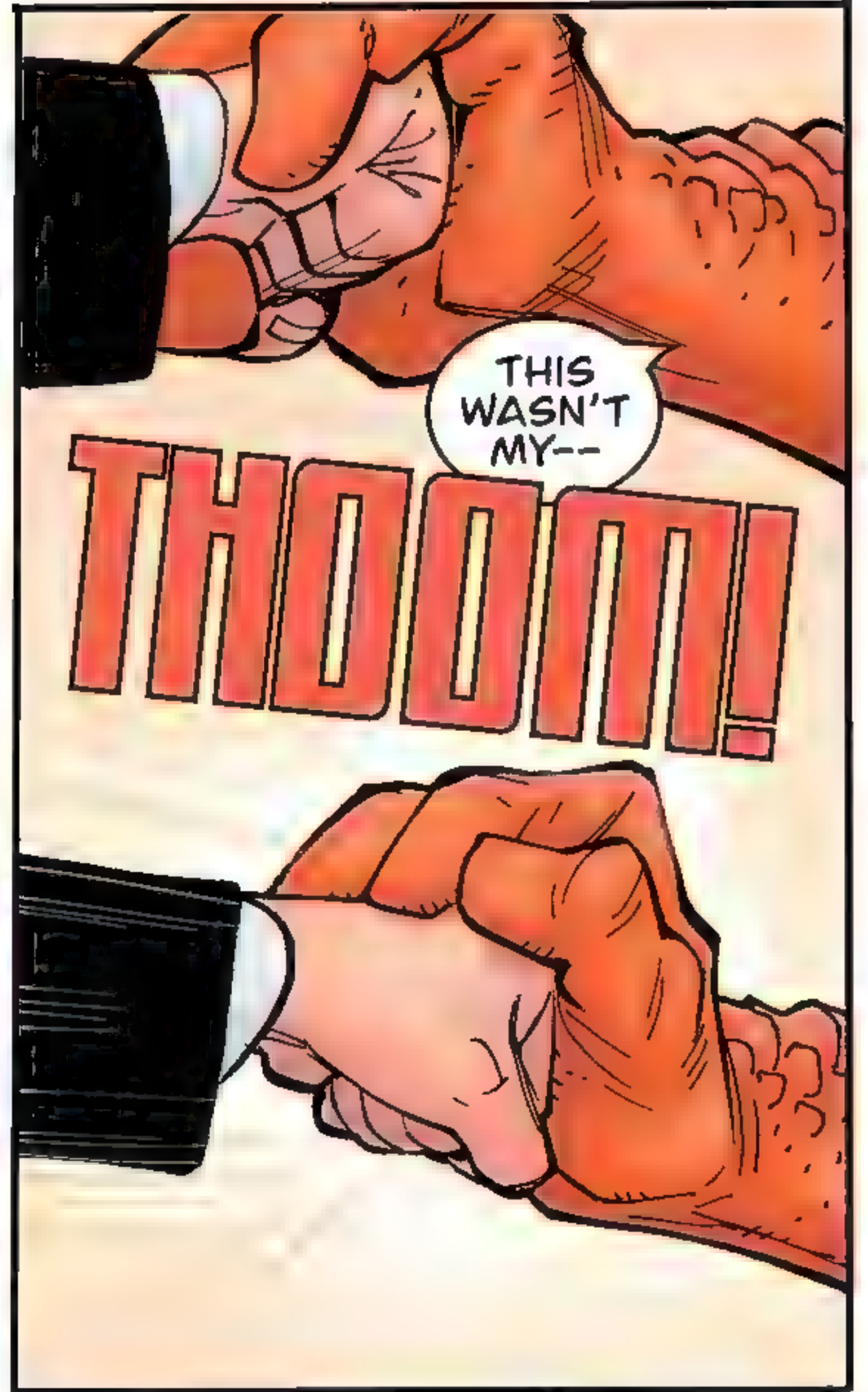
MY BROTHER IS DEAD-- AND YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT HOW YOU'LL LOOK IN FRONT OF YOUR PEOPLE?!

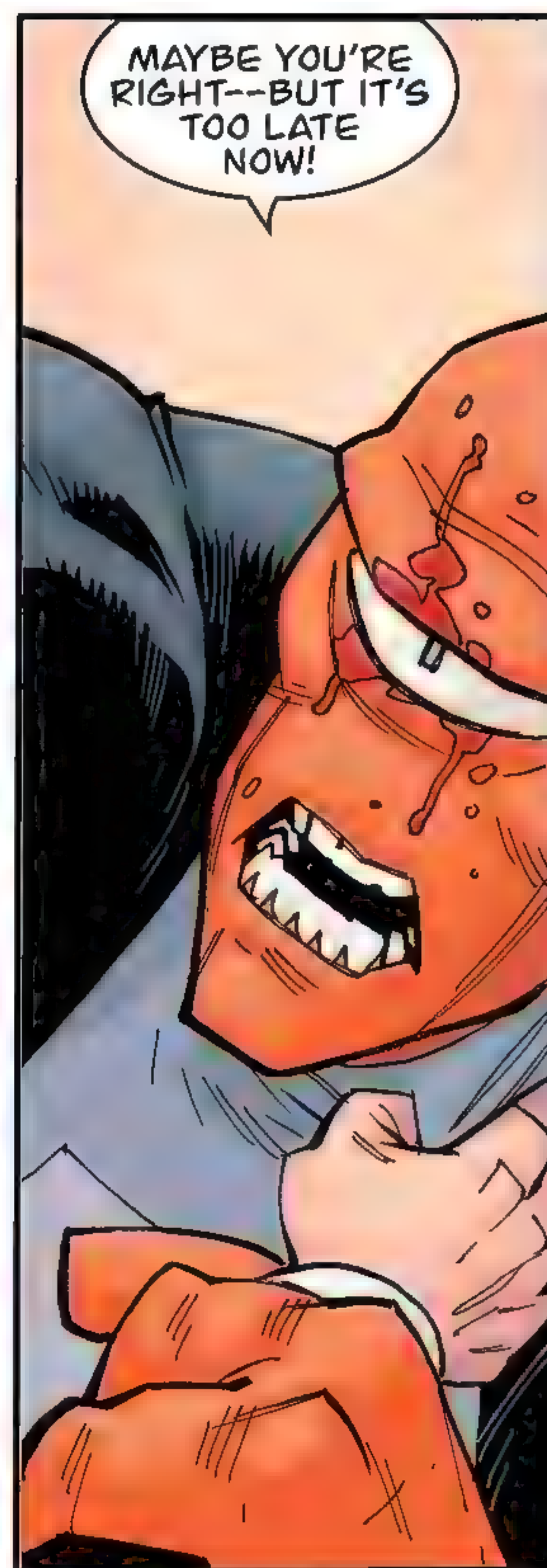
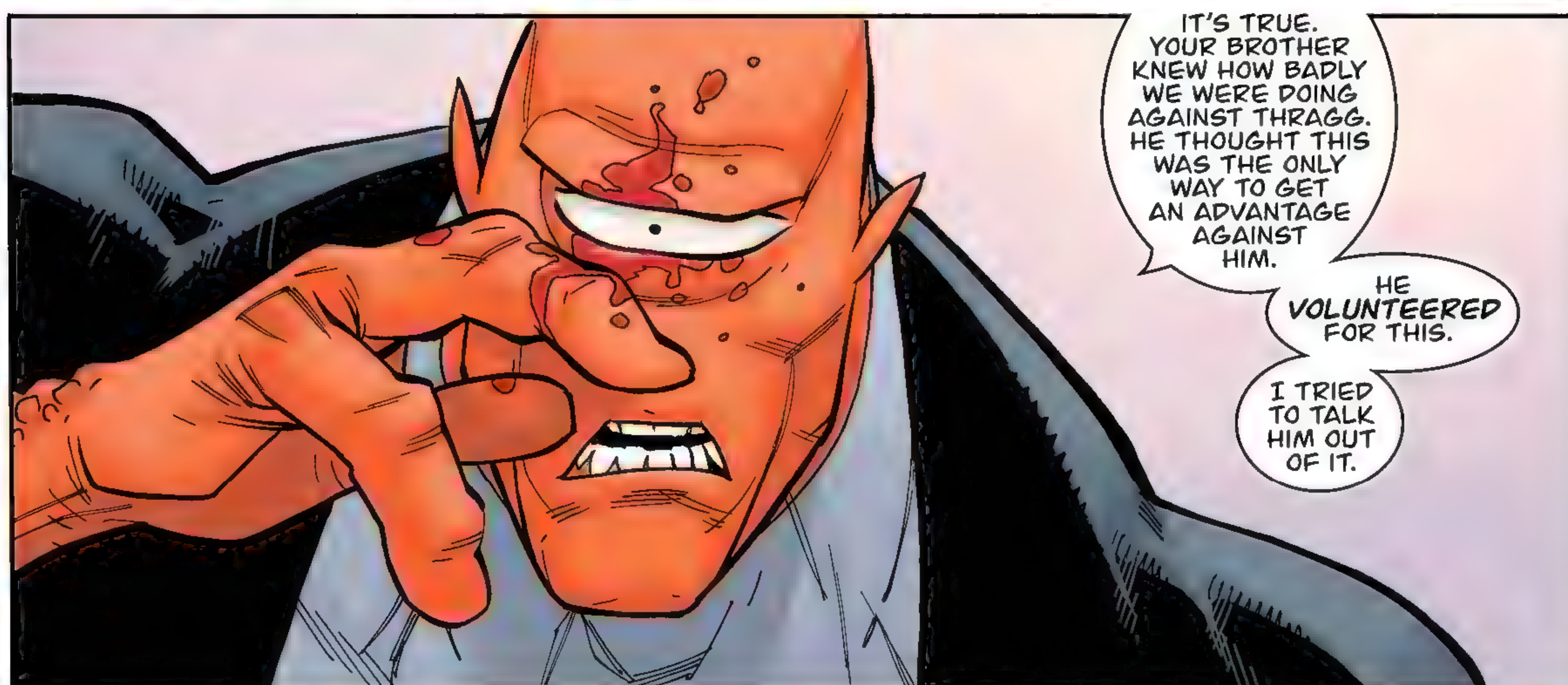
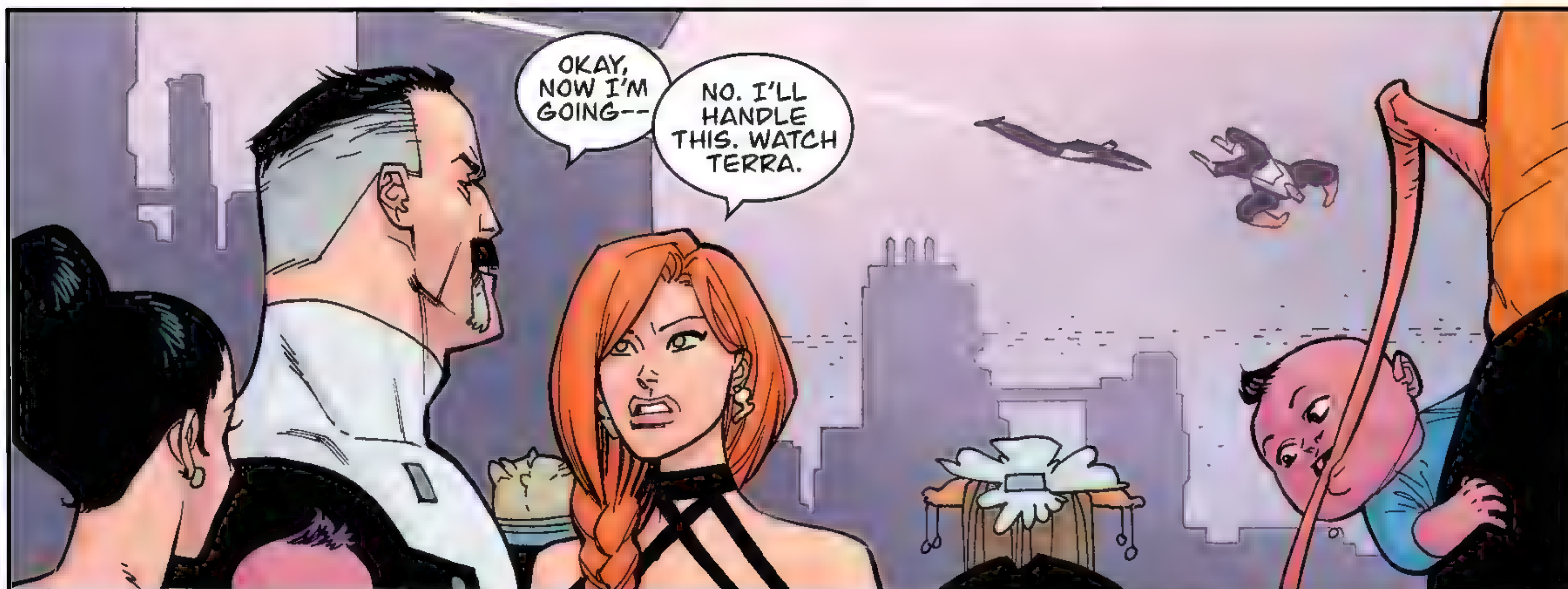
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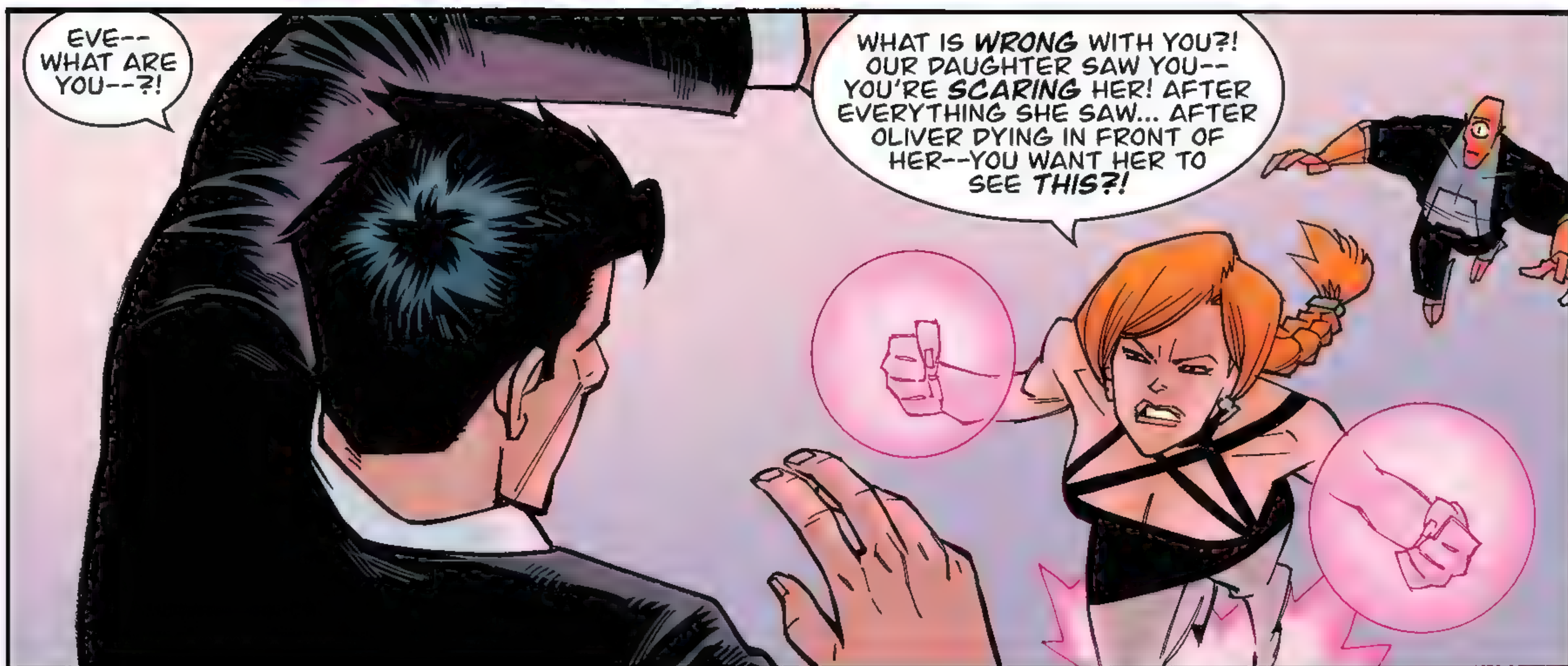


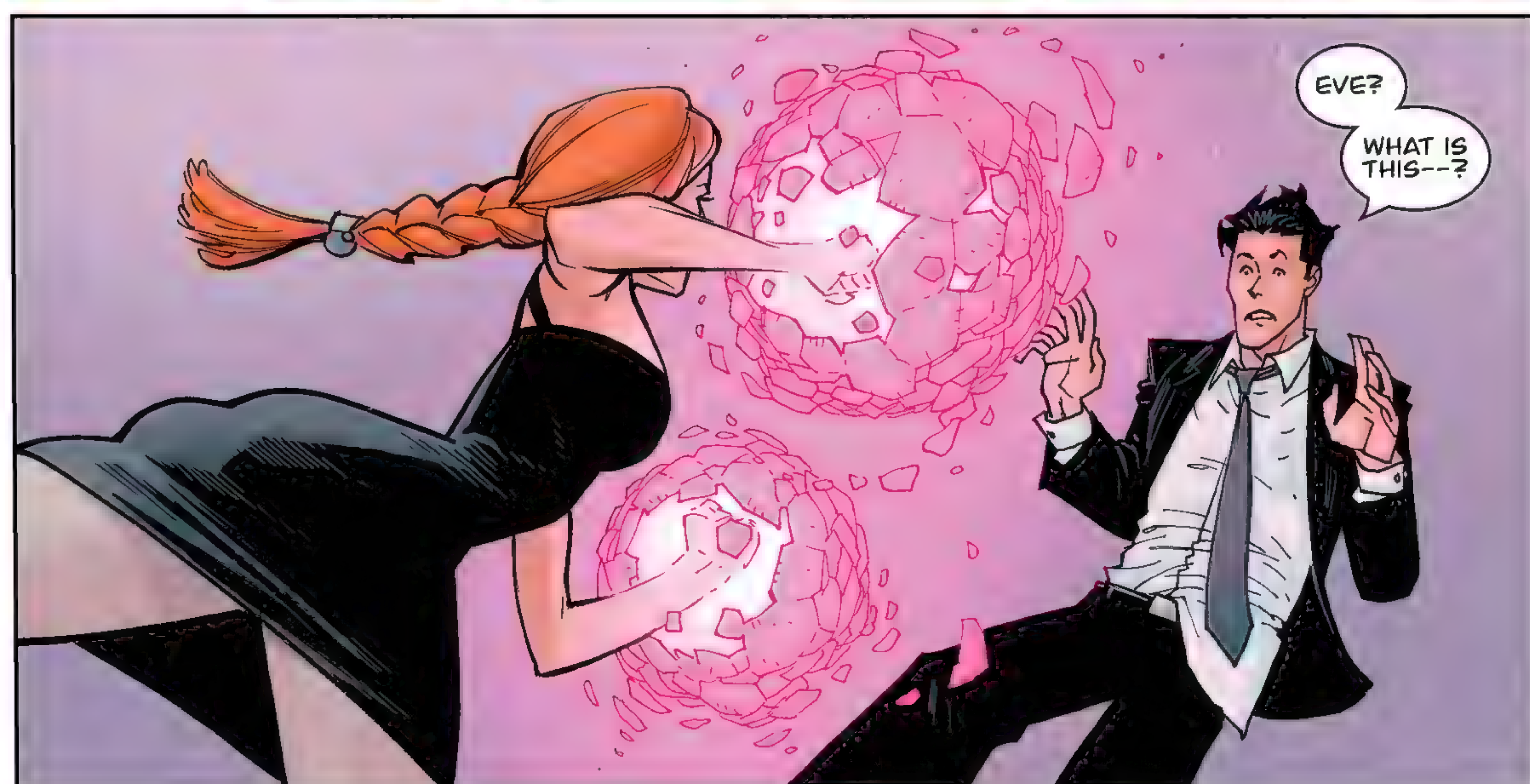
YOU MIGHT AS WELL HAVE KILLED OLIVER YOURSELF!

WROKK!

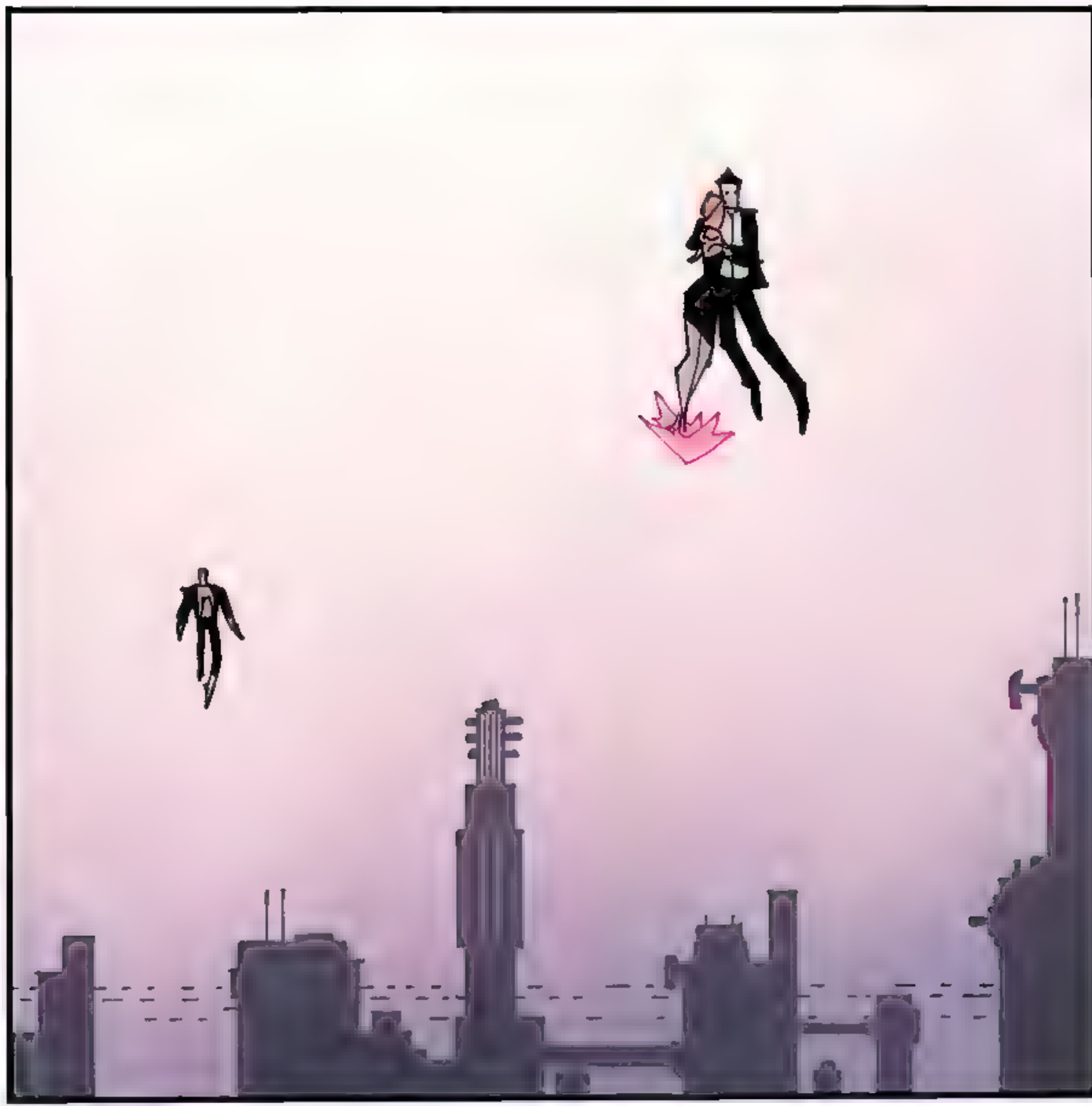
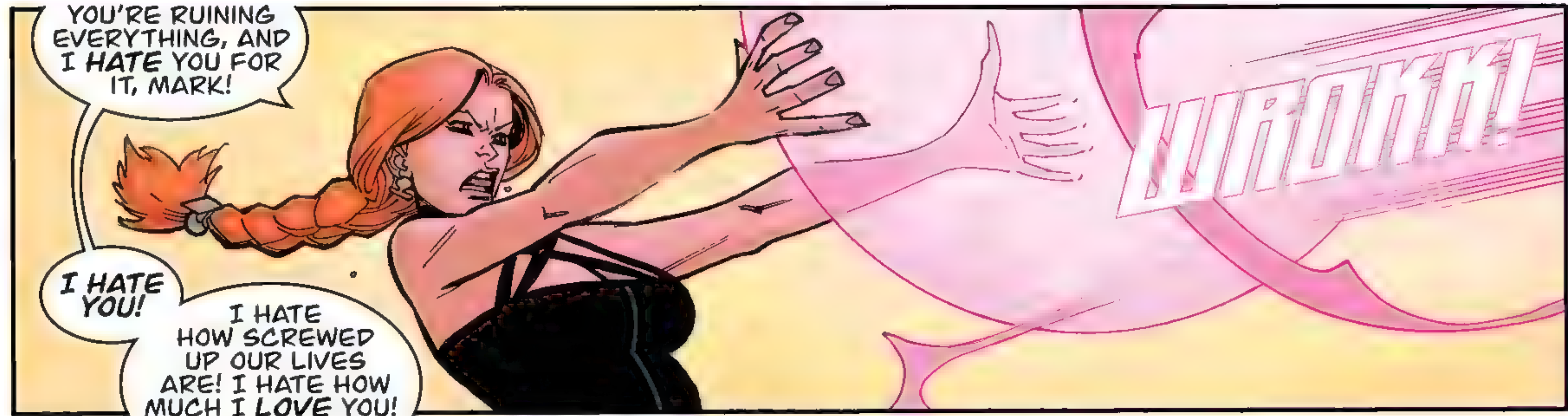
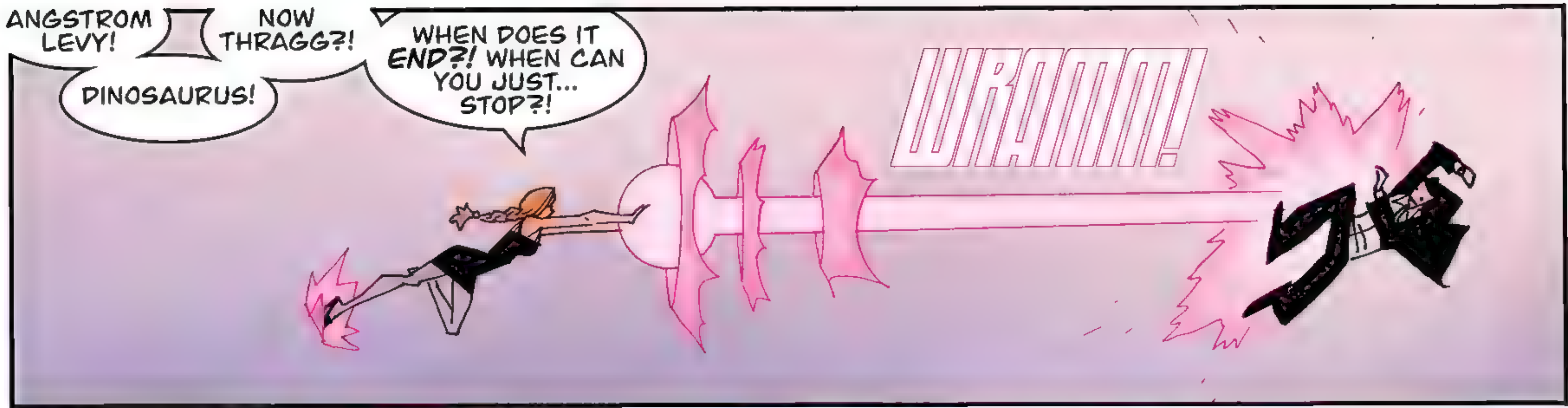


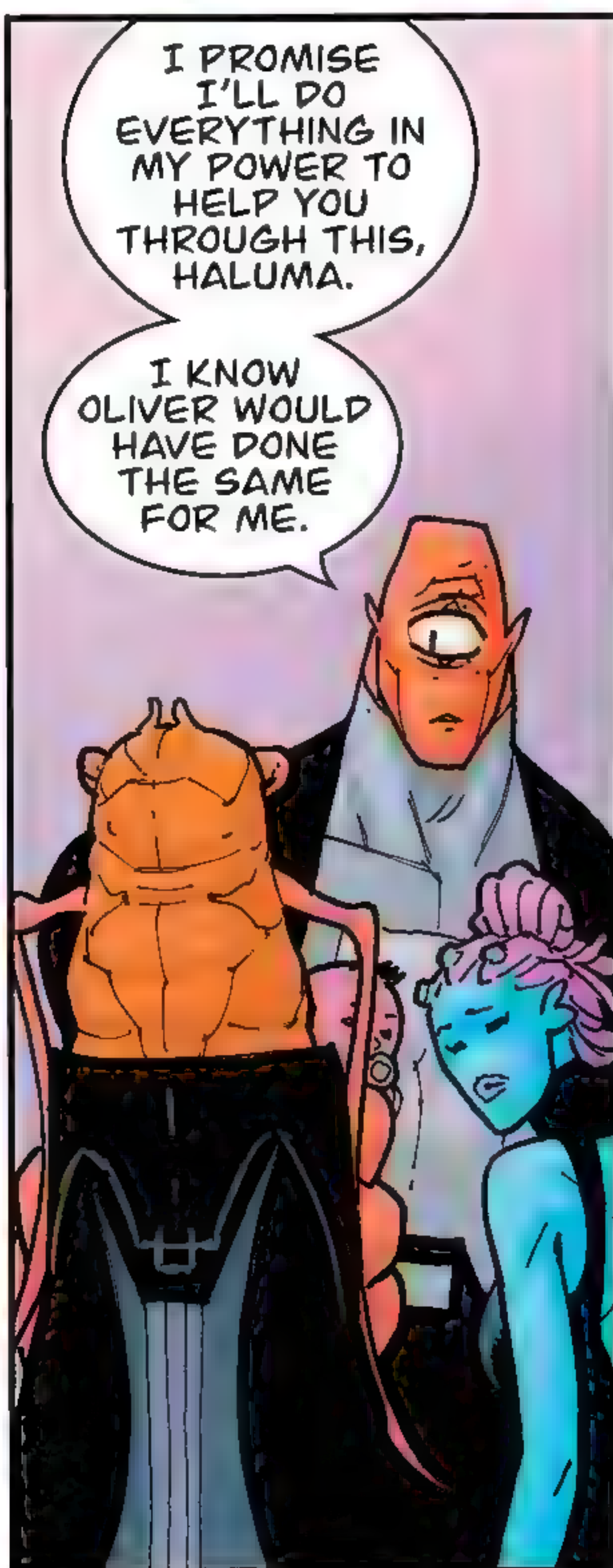
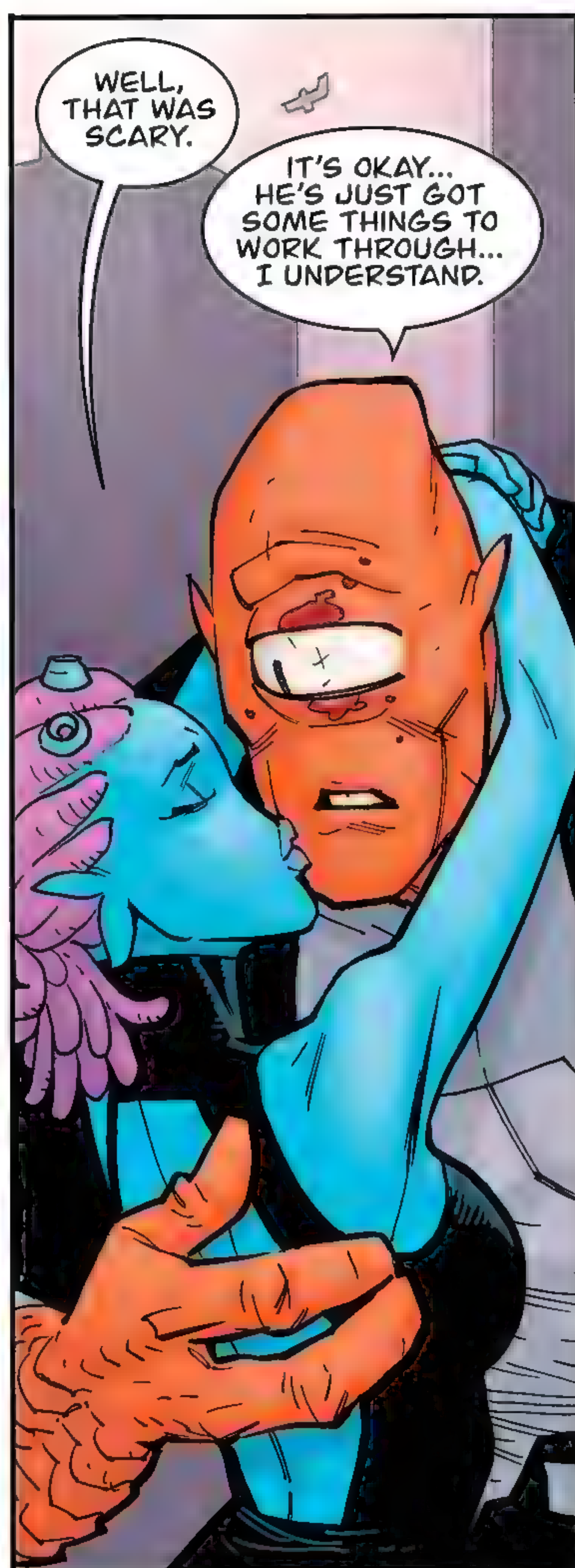
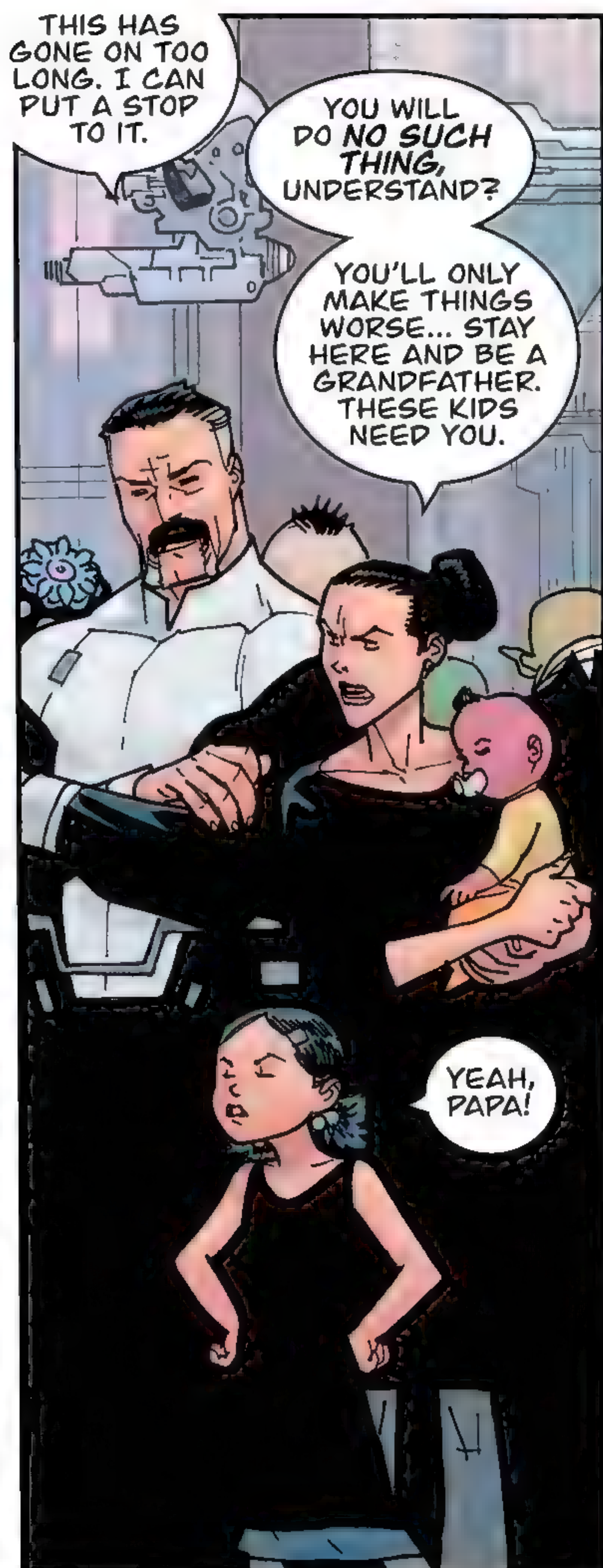


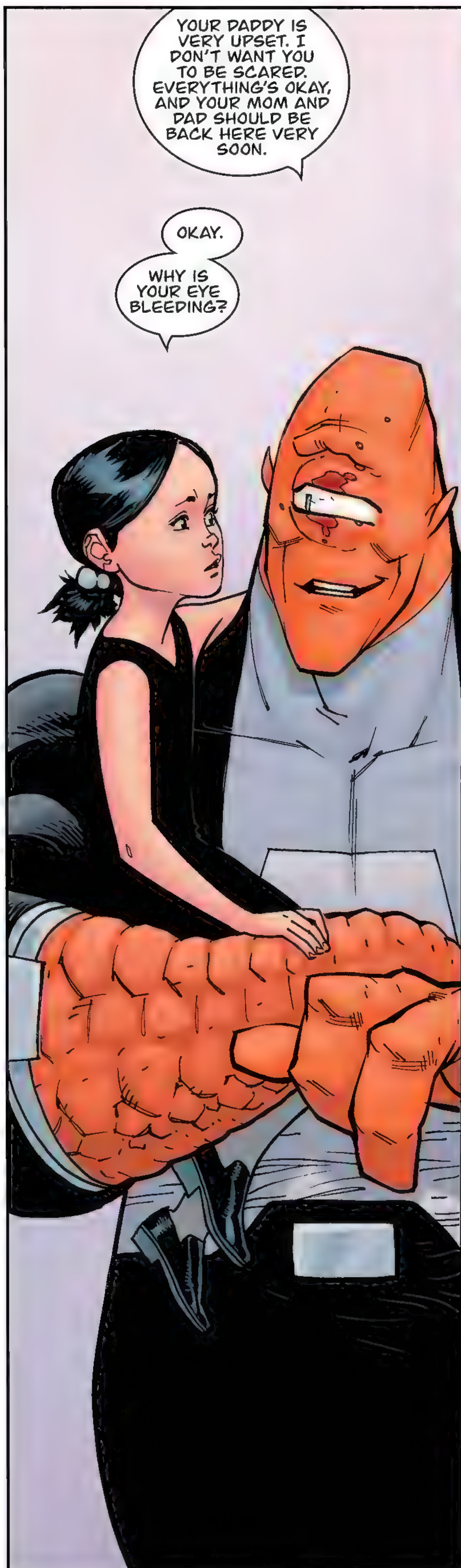








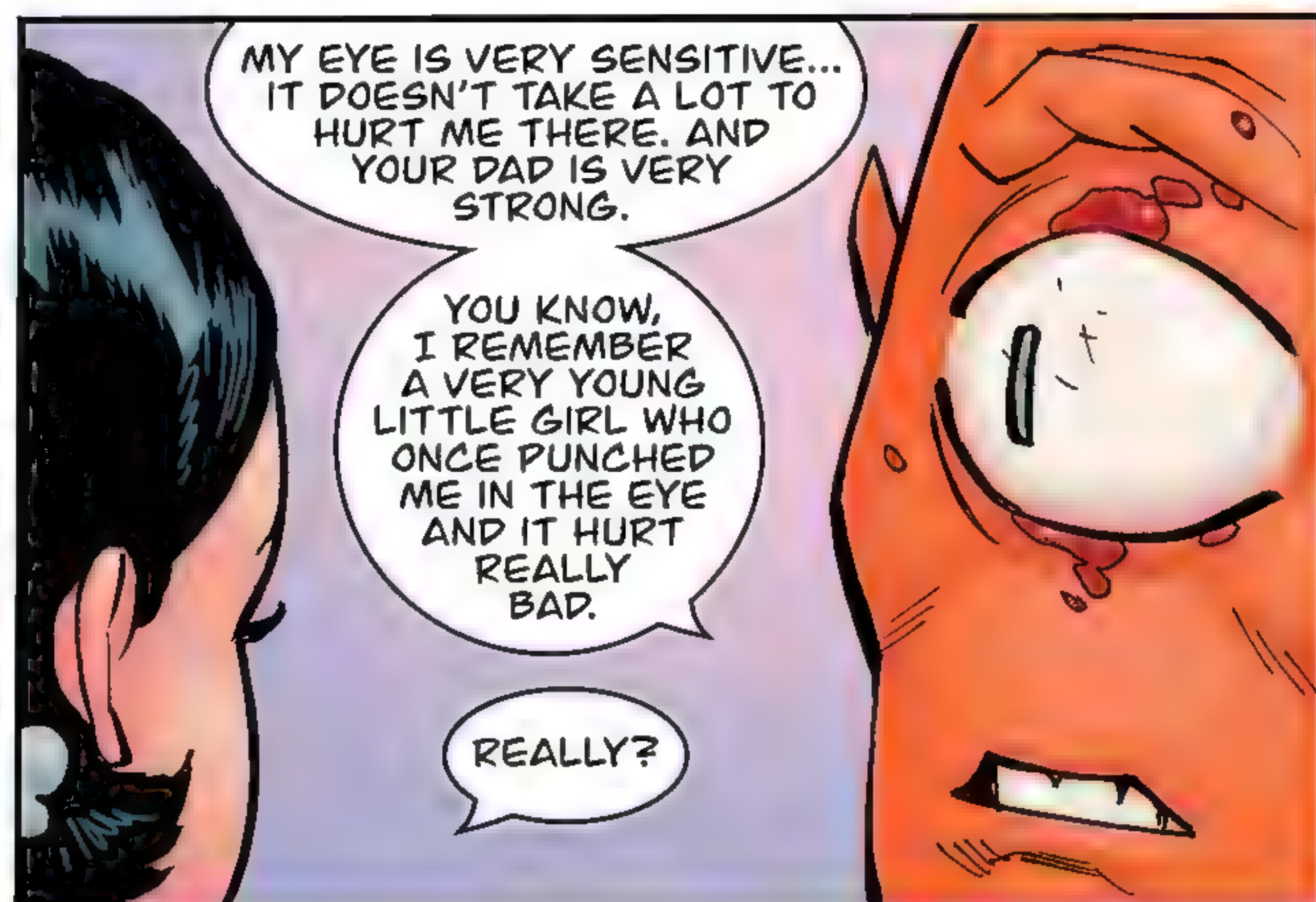




YOUR DADDY IS VERY UPSET. I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE SCARED. EVERYTHING'S OKAY, AND YOUR MOM AND DAD SHOULD BE BACK HERE VERY SOON.

OKAY.

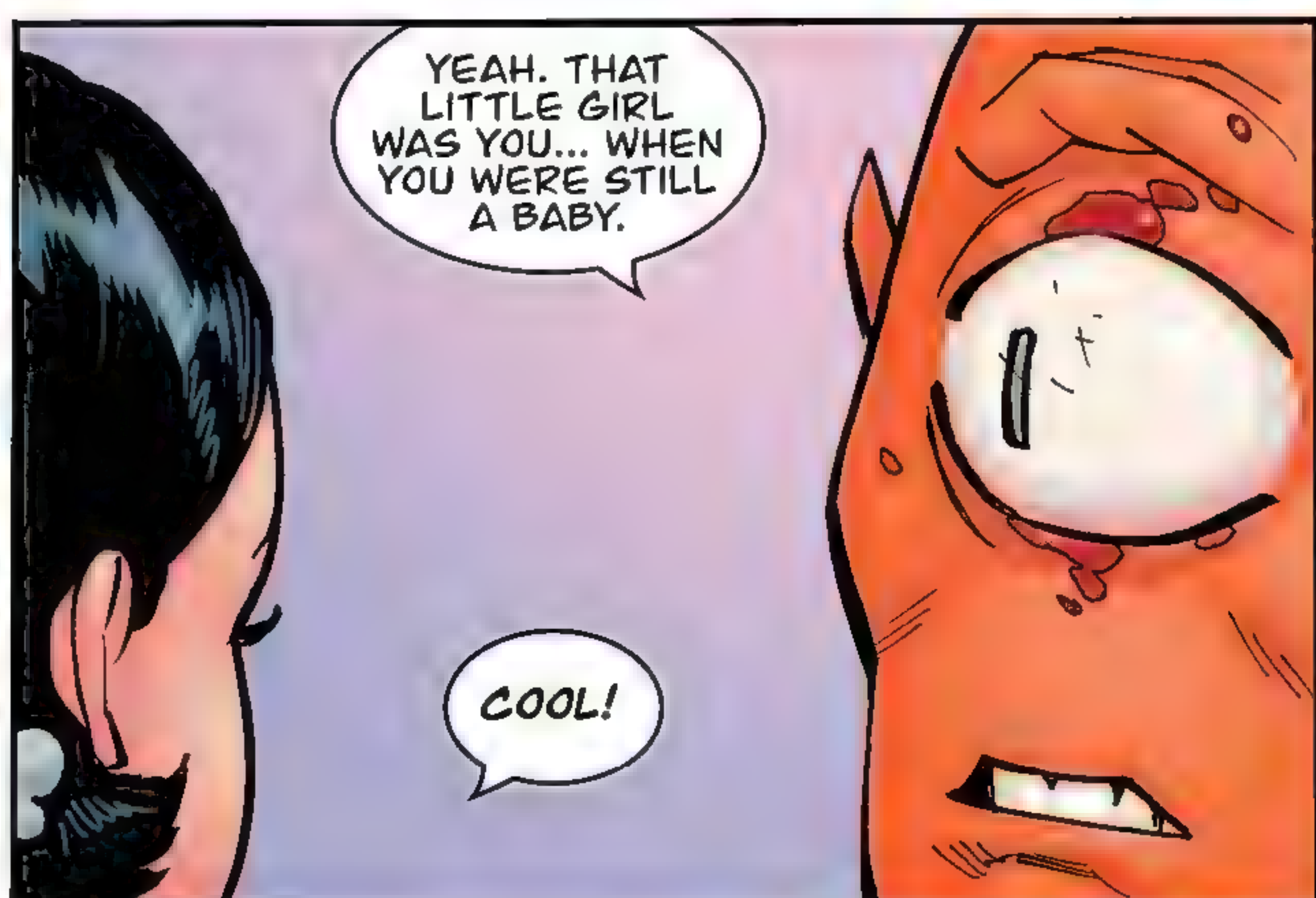
WHY IS YOUR EYE BLEEDING?



MY EYE IS VERY SENSITIVE... IT DOESN'T TAKE A LOT TO HURT ME THERE. AND YOUR DAD IS VERY STRONG.

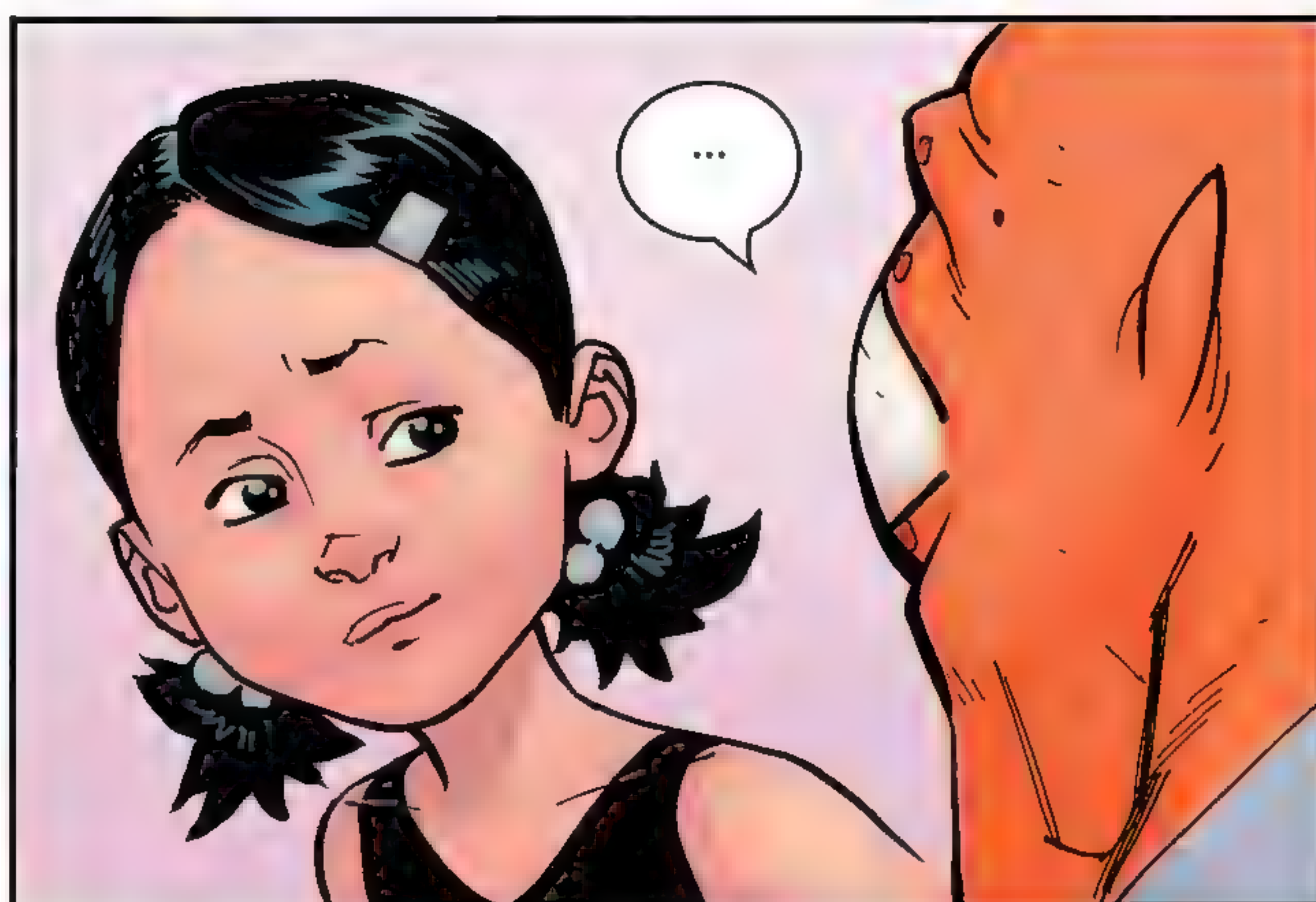
YOU KNOW, I REMEMBER A VERY YOUNG LITTLE GIRL WHO ONCE PUNCHED ME IN THE EYE AND IT HURT REALLY BAD.

REALLY?

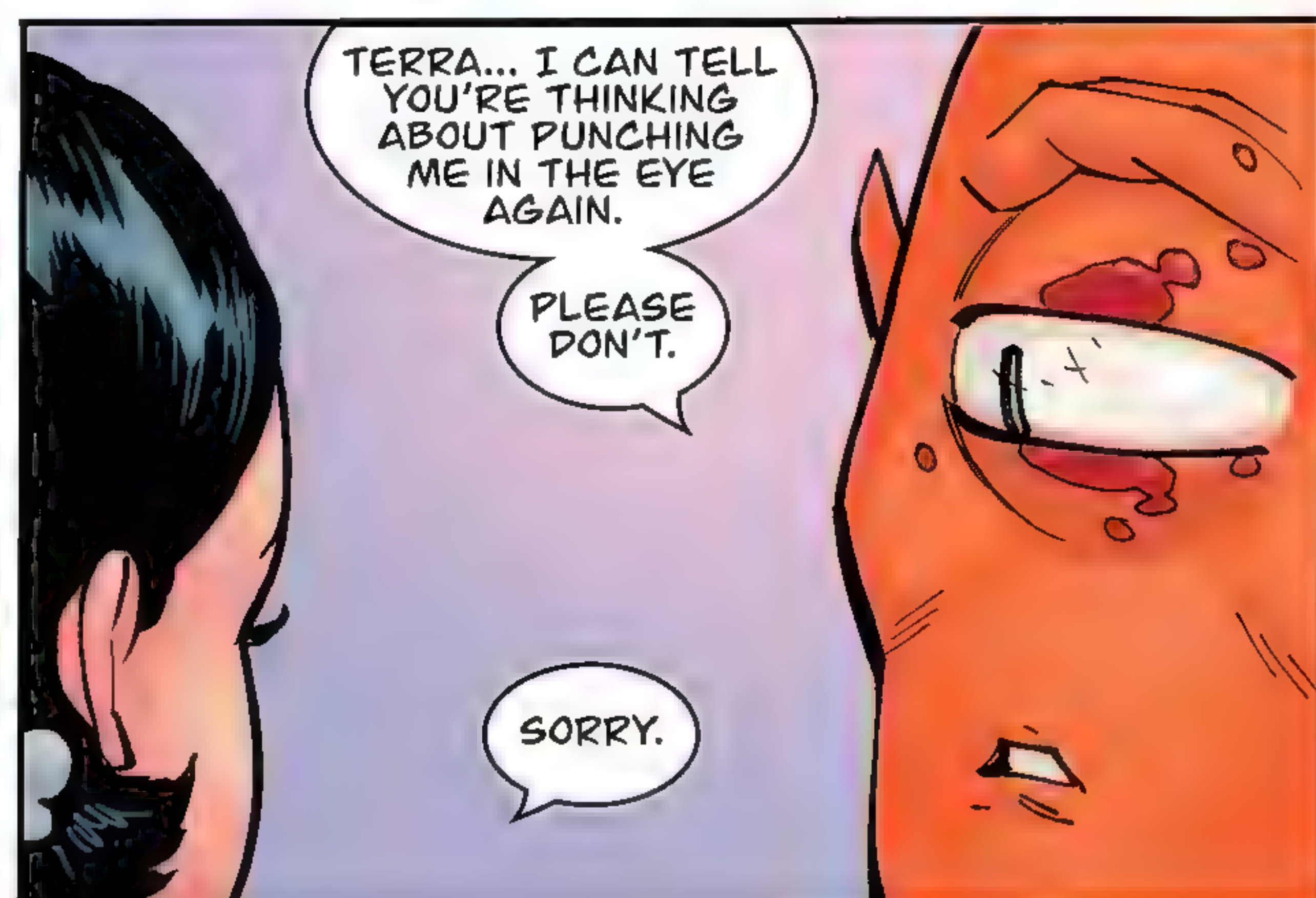


YEAH. THAT LITTLE GIRL WAS YOU... WHEN YOU WERE STILL A BABY.

COOL!



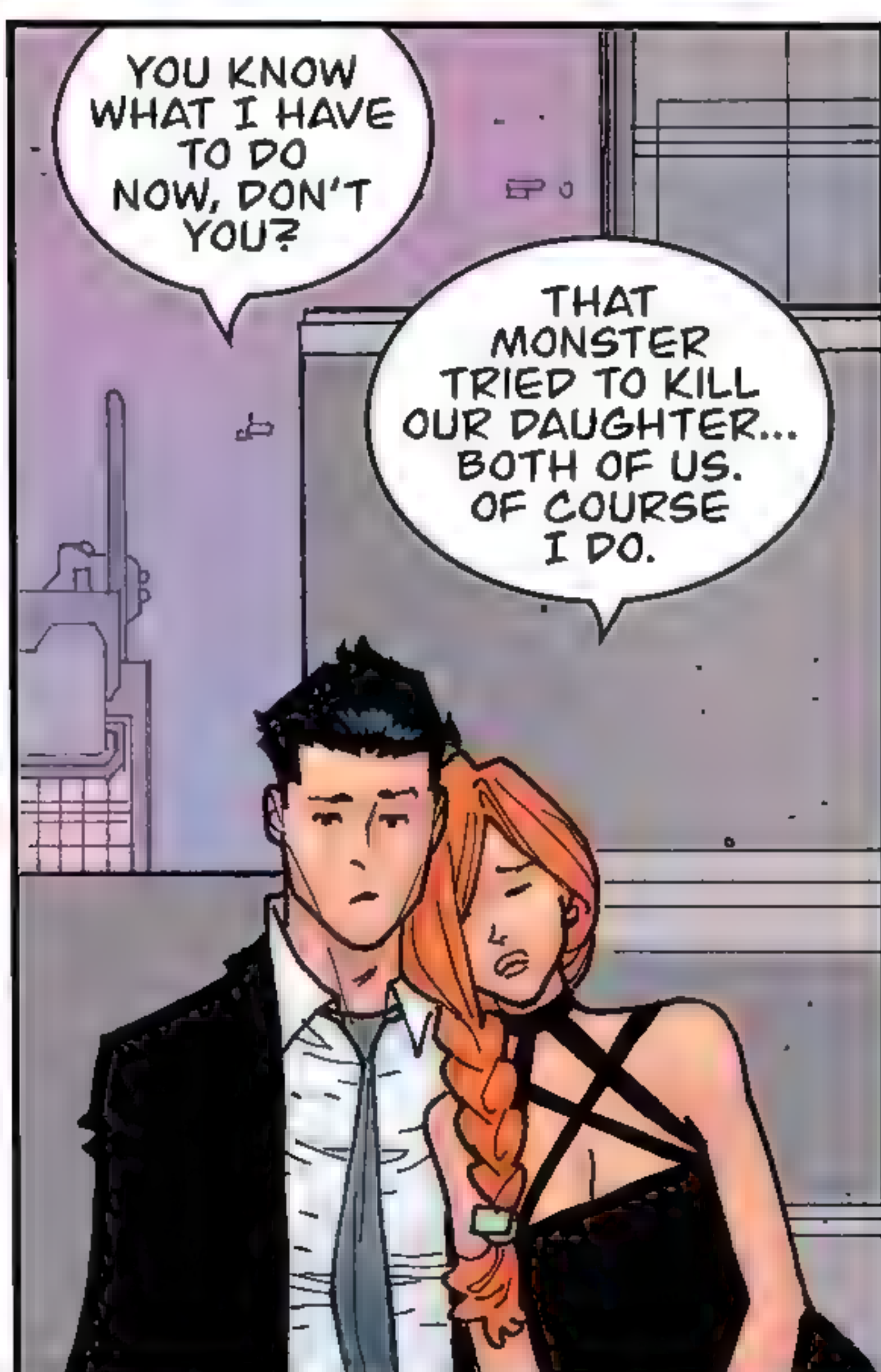
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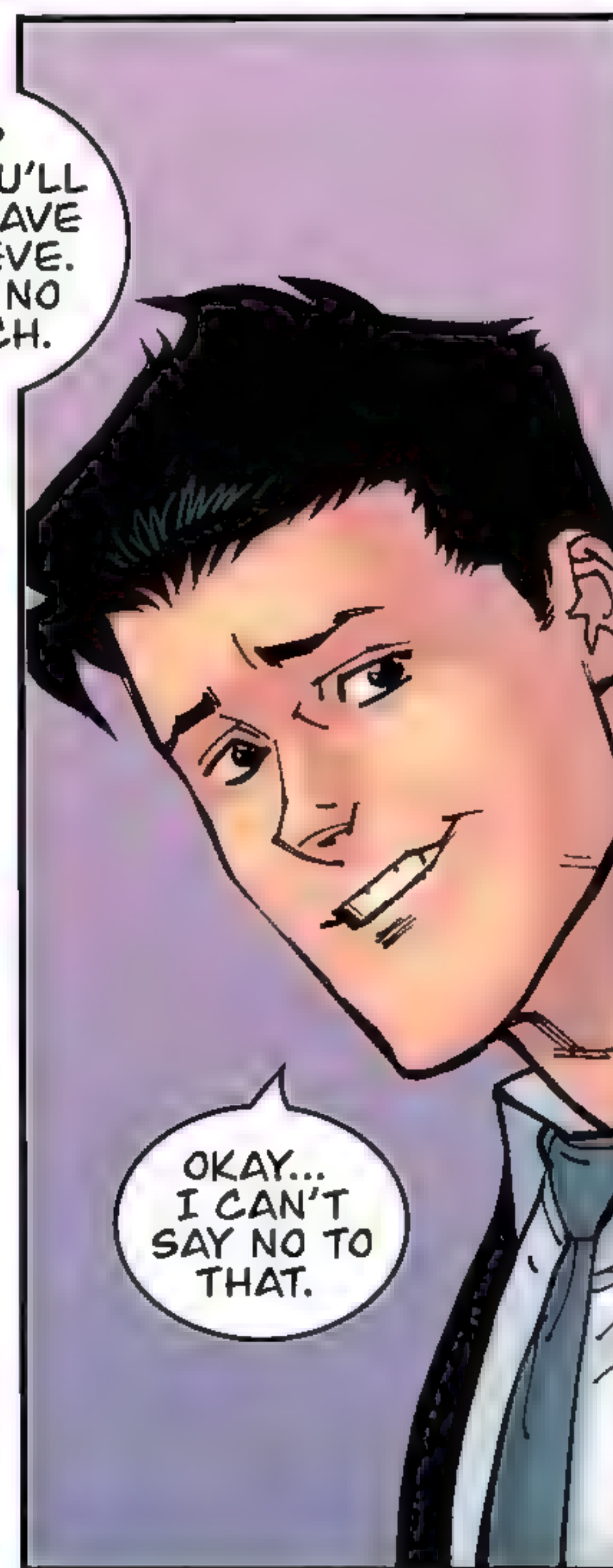
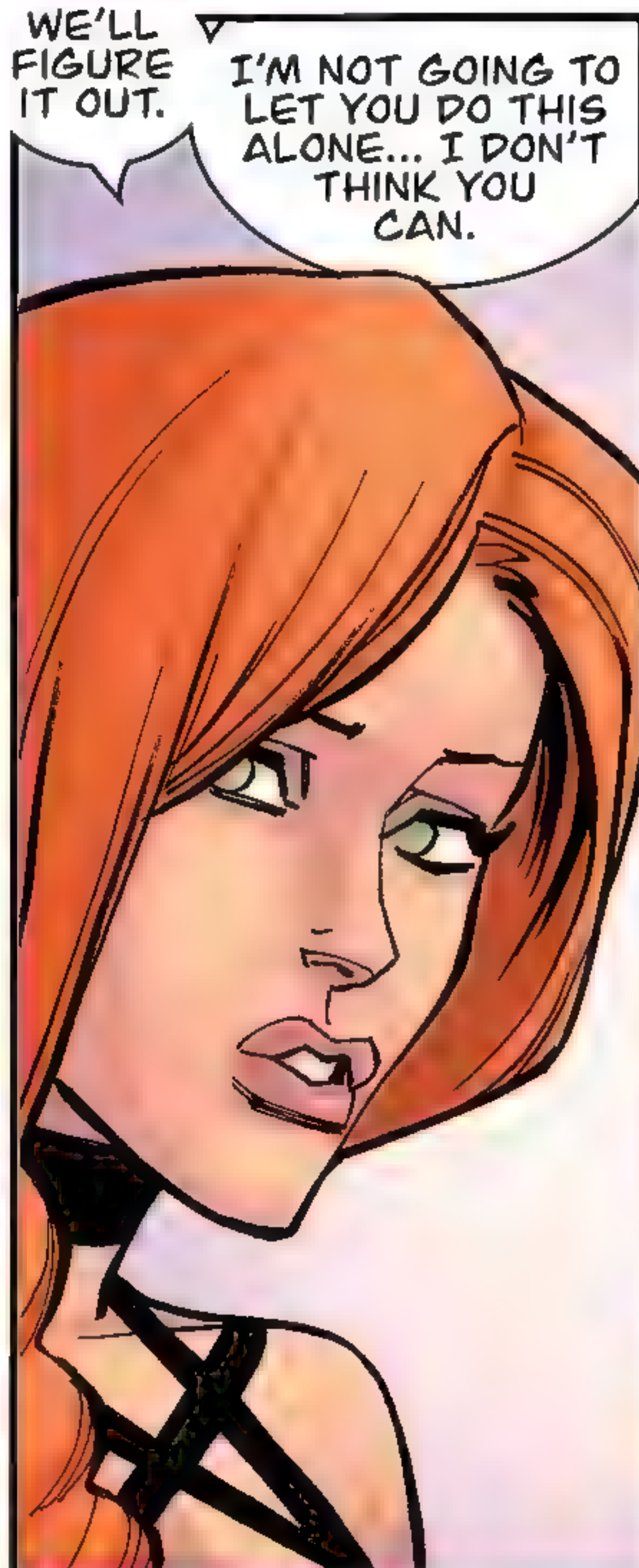
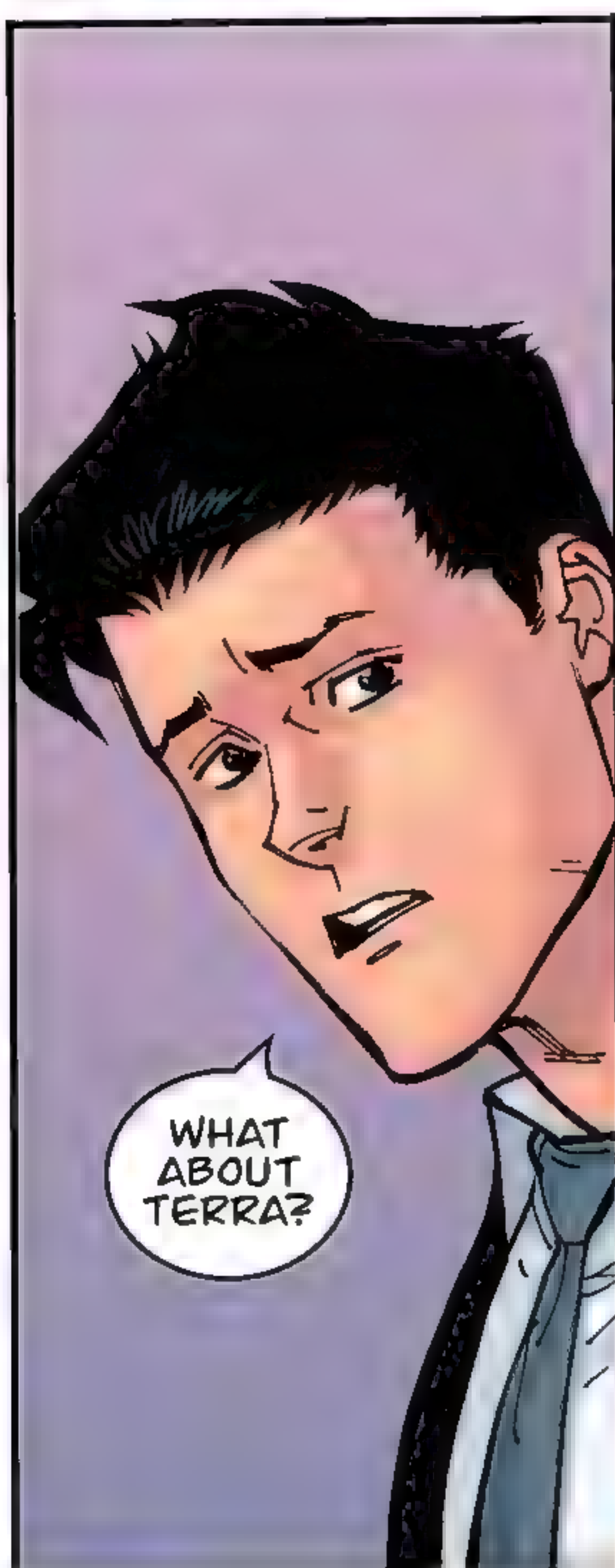
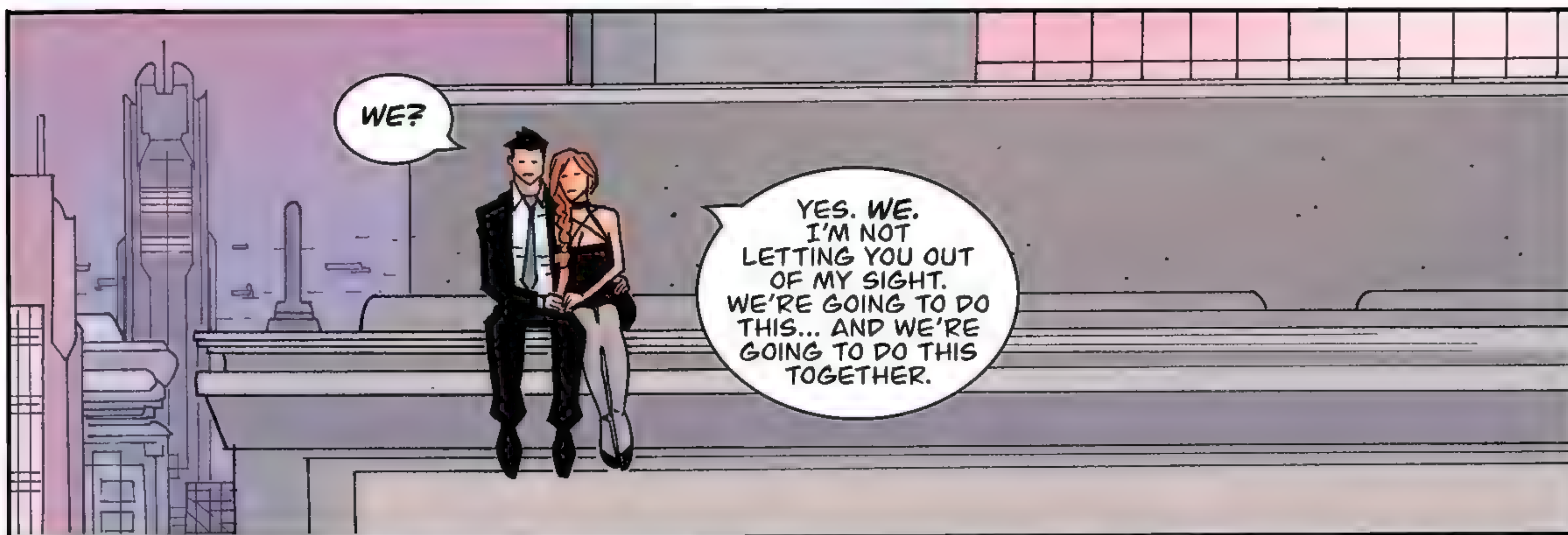


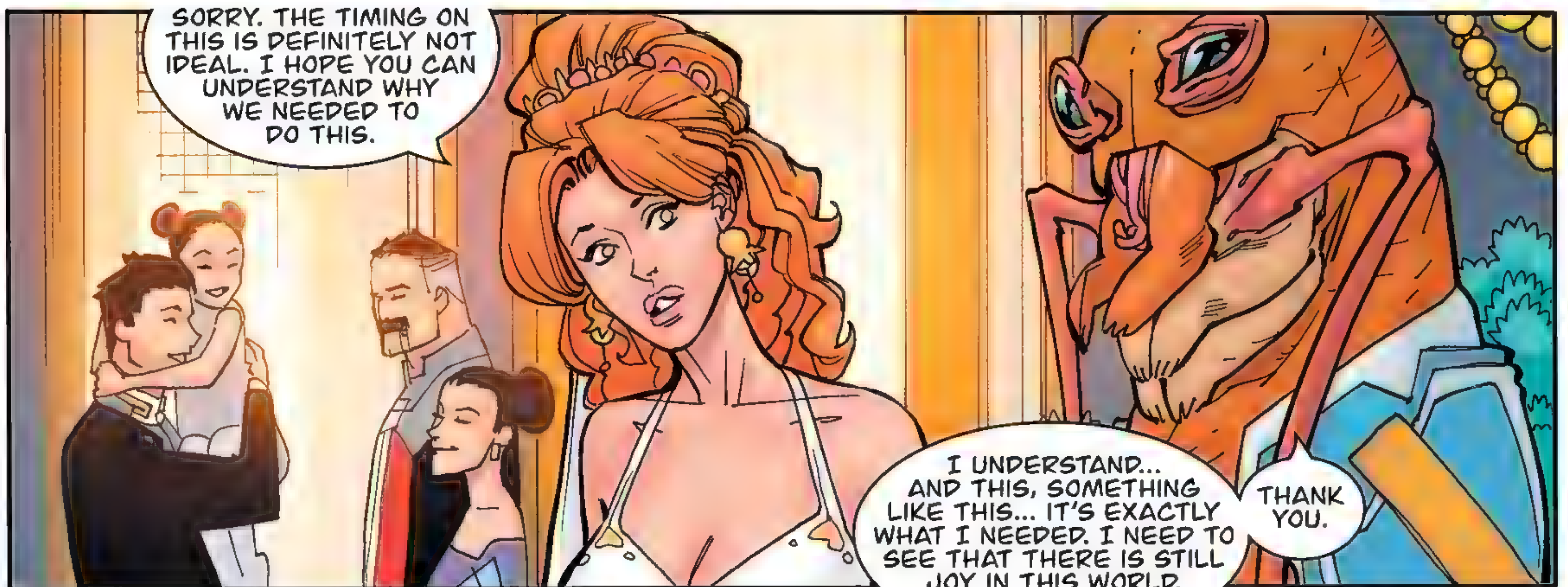
TERRA... I CAN TELL YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT PUNCHING ME IN THE EYE AGAIN.

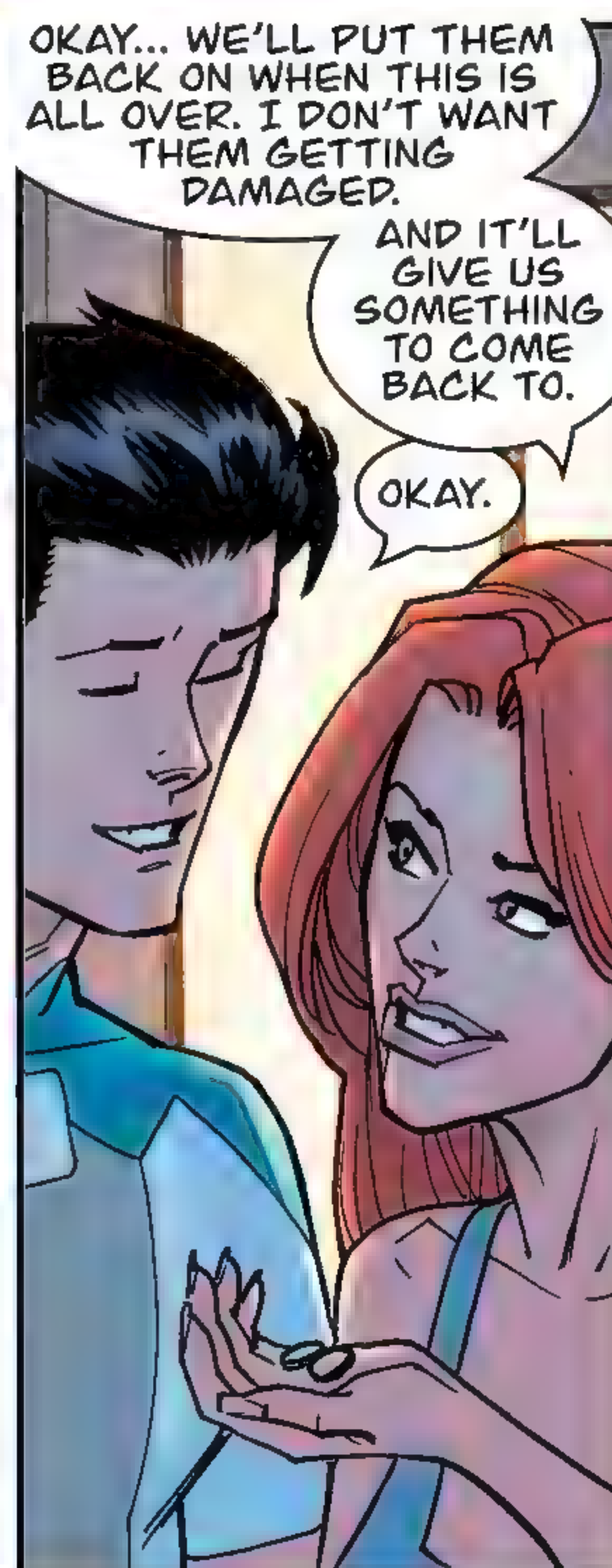
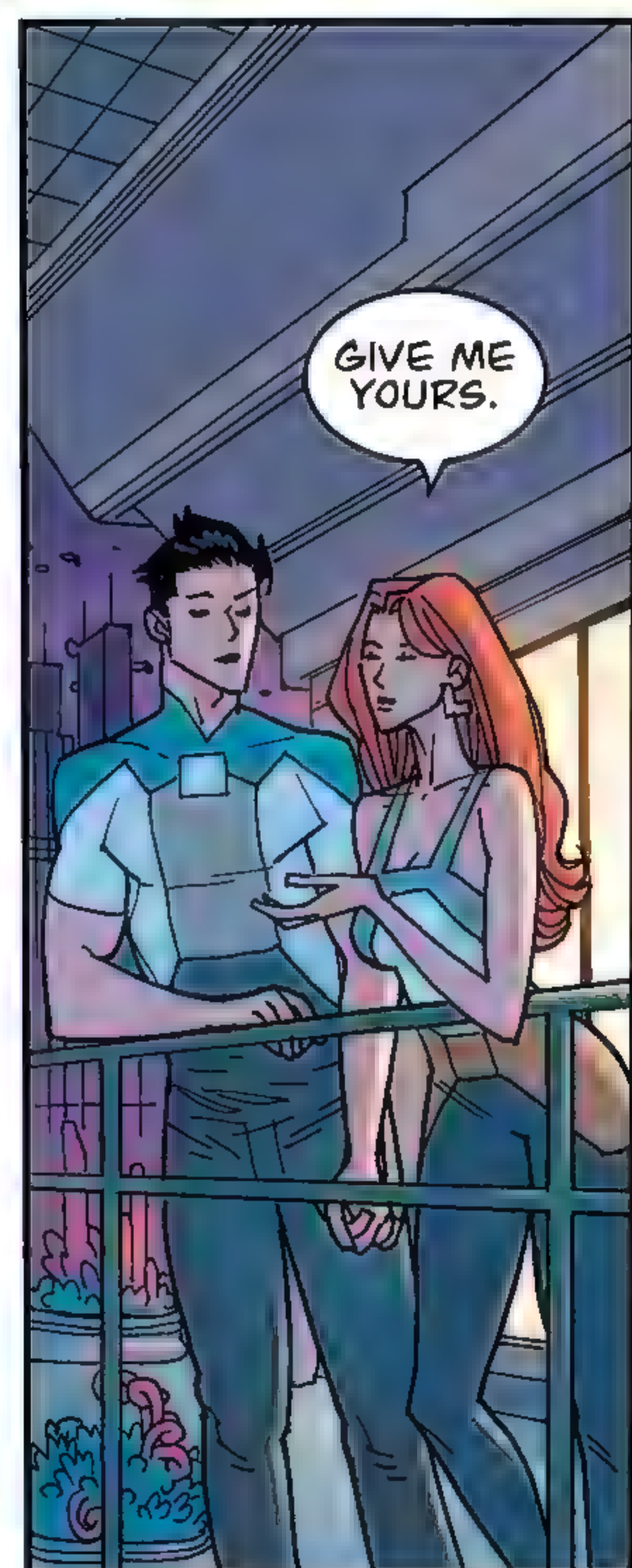
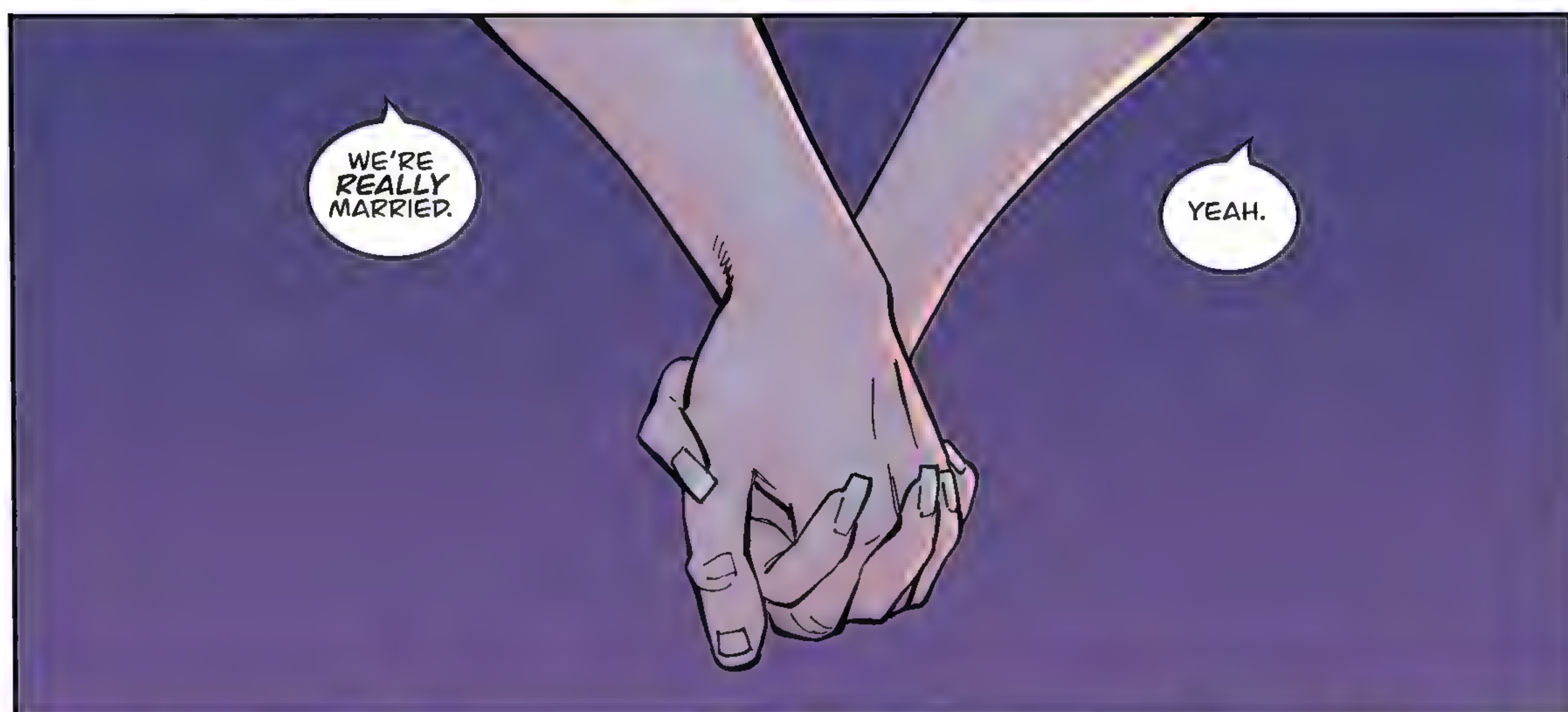
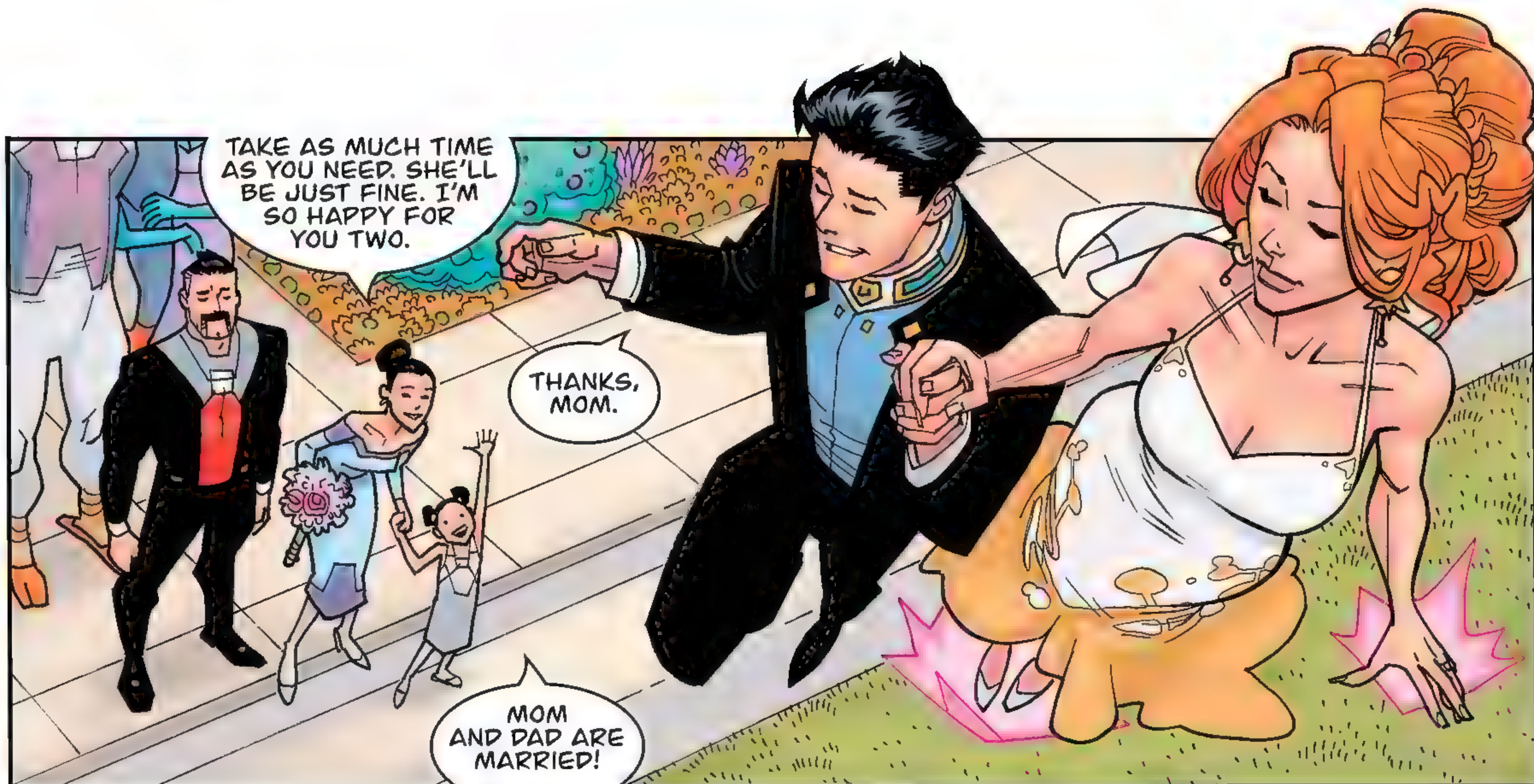
PLEASE DON'T.

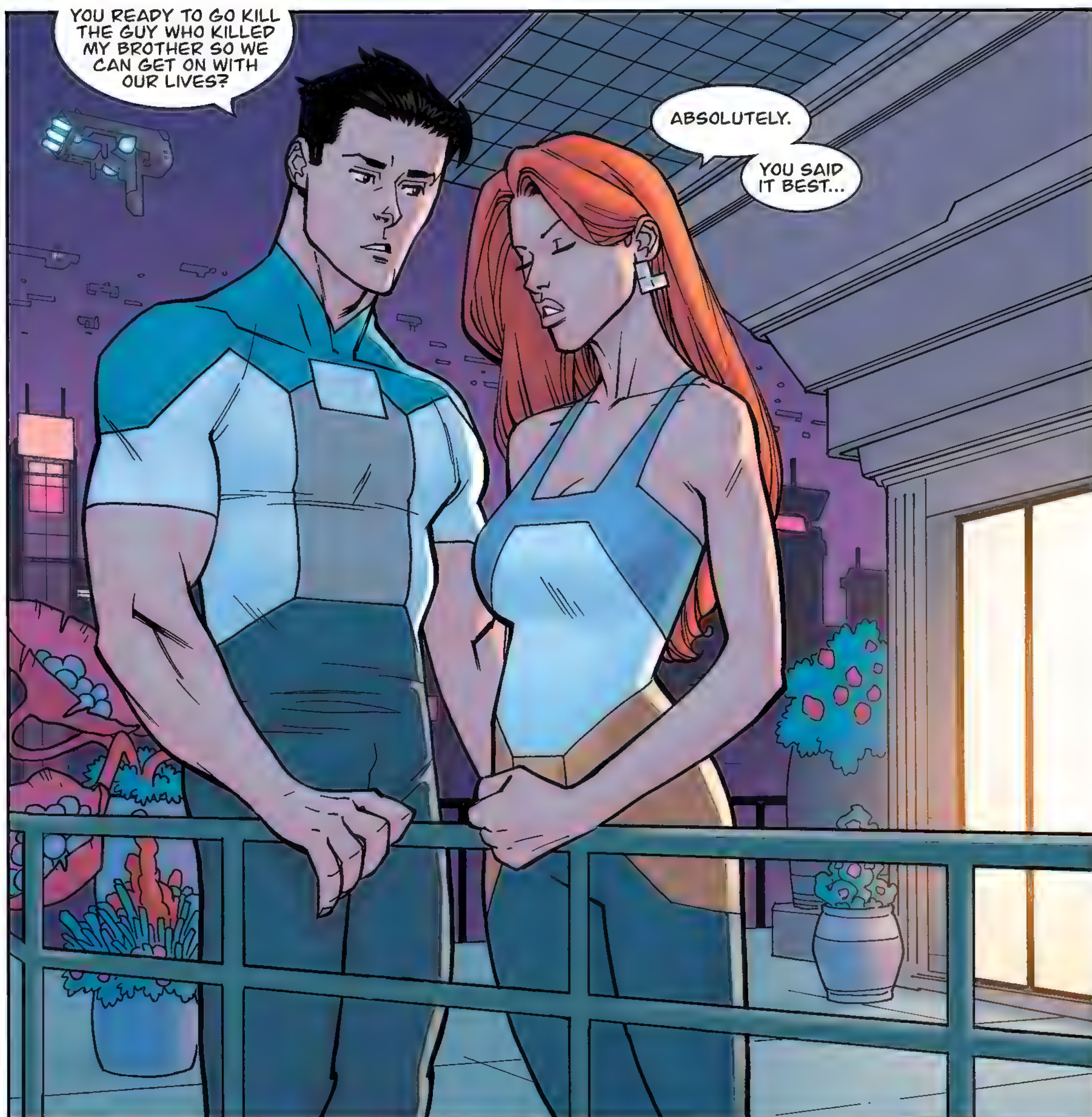
SORRY.

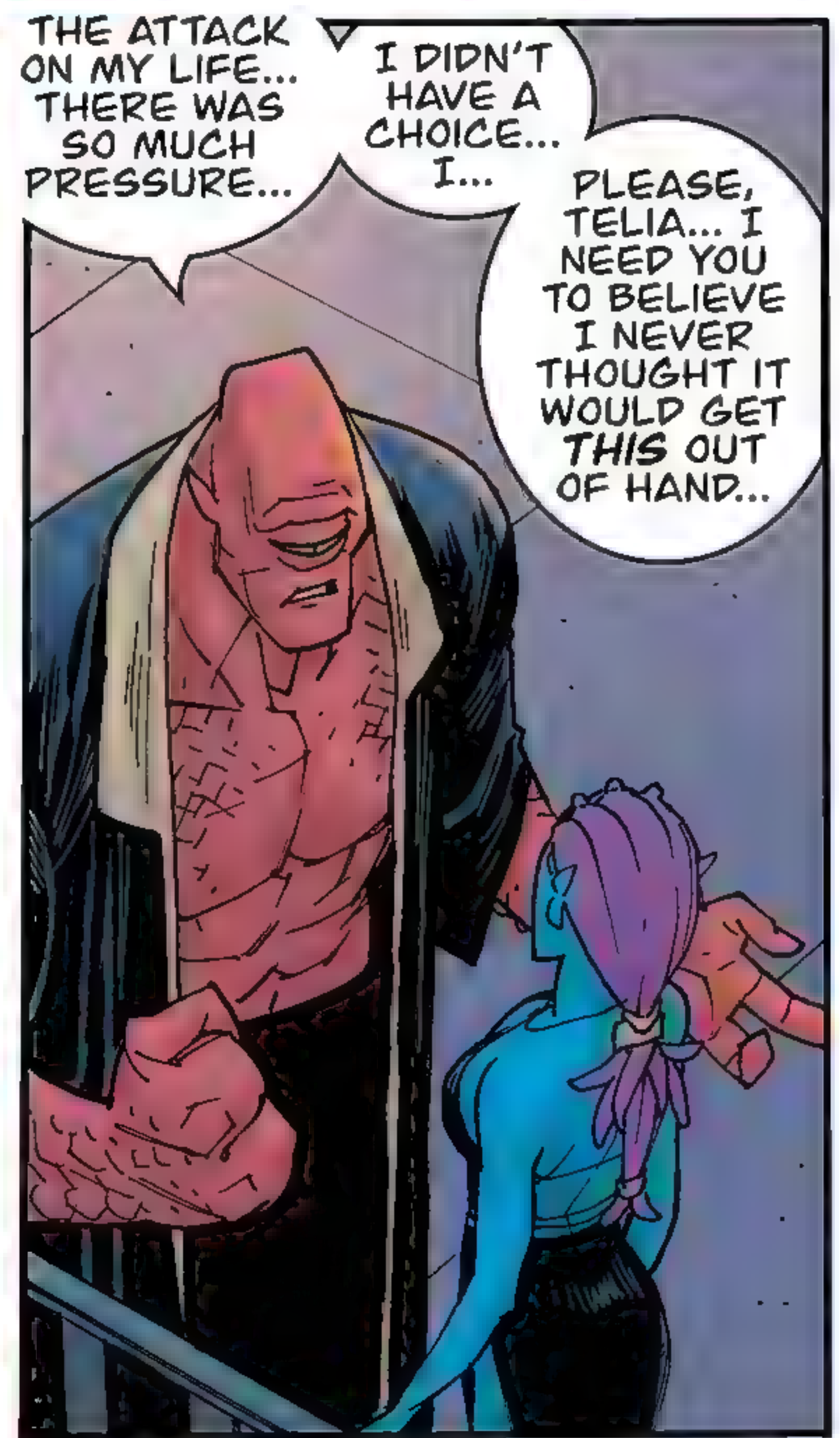
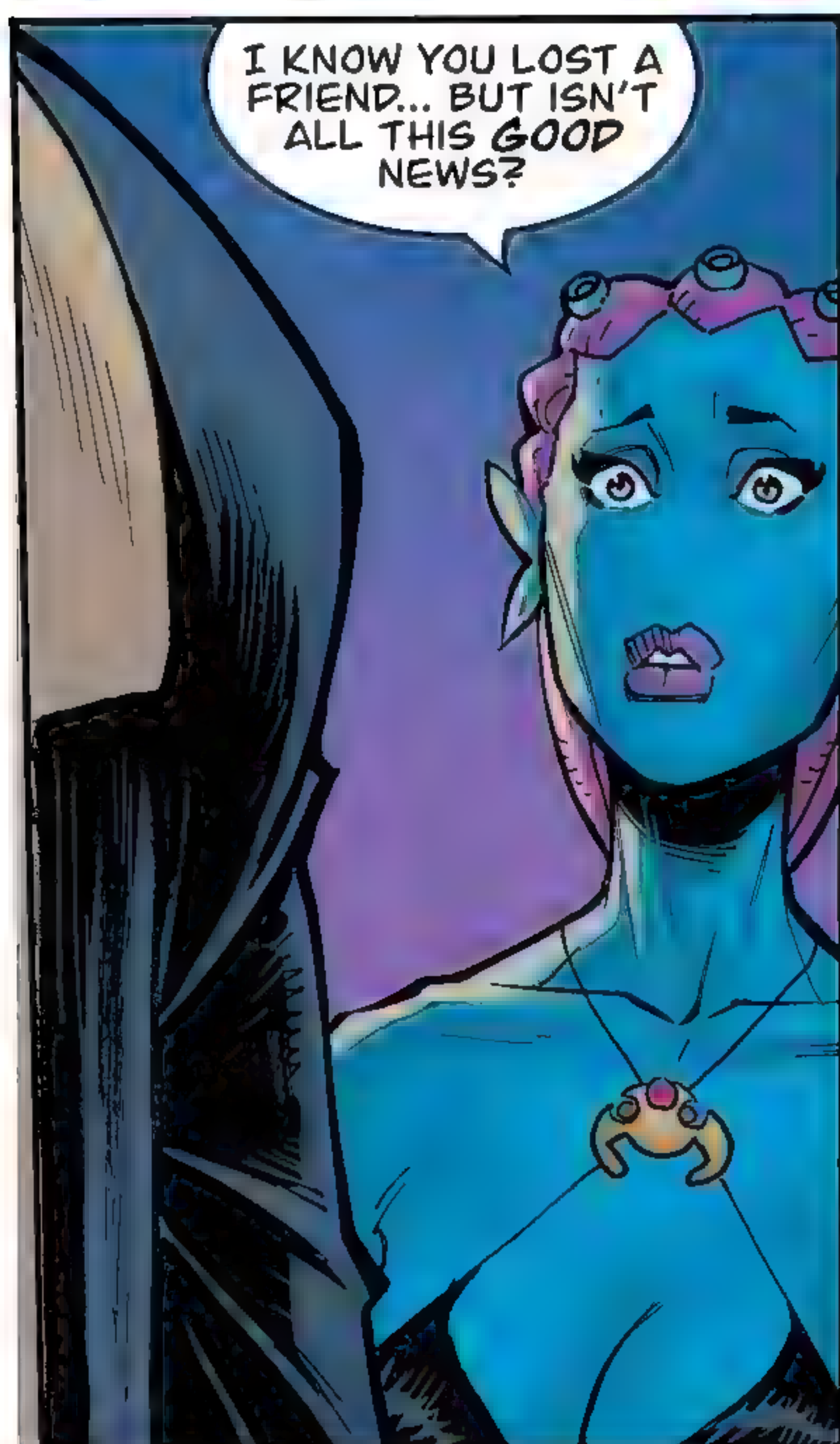
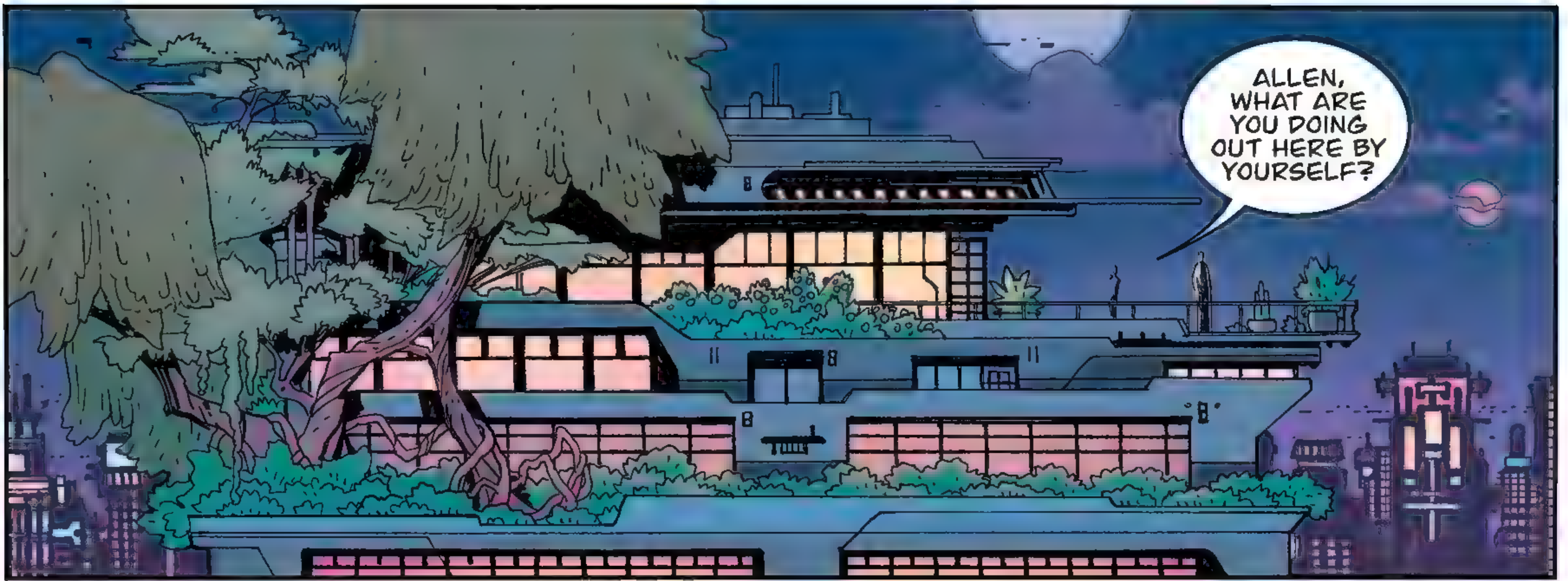














ALLEN?
YOU'RE NOT
SAYING... YOU
COULDN'T
HAVE---



I KNEW PRESSING
OLIVER TO MEET WITH
THRAGG WOULD CAUSE
HIM TO TEST HIM... I... I
MADE SURE THRAGG
KNEW WHERE MARK
AND EVE WERE.

I PUT THEM
IN DANGER. I
KNEW THRAGG
WOULD USE THEM
AS A TEST. I
KNEW ALL
THIS...

I WAS
DESPERATE...
I SAW NO
OTHER
WAY...



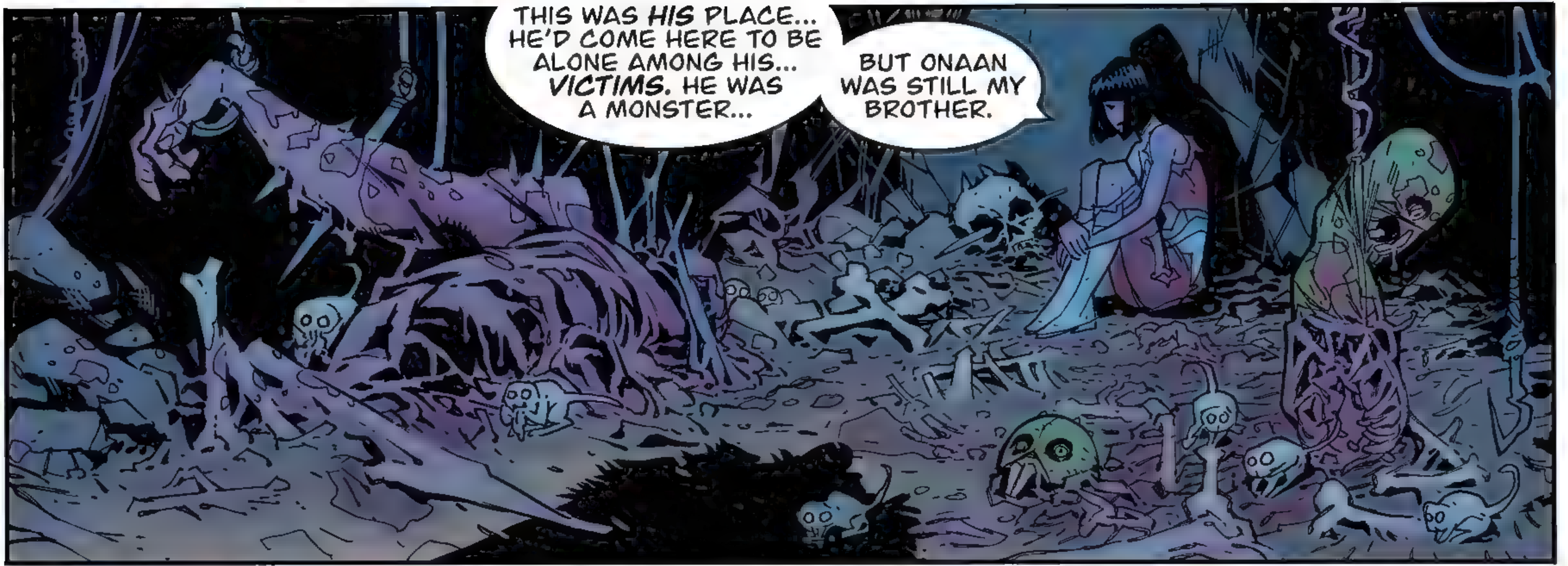
AND
NOW MY
FRIEND IS
DEAD.



CHAPTER TWO







THIS WAS HIS PLACE...
HE'D COME HERE TO BE
ALONE AMONG HIS...
VICTIMS. HE WAS
A MONSTER...

BUT ONAAN
WAS STILL MY
BROTHER.



I'M
SORRY
THAT HE
DIED...



LIES!

YOU KNEW
HE WAS IN
DANGER AND
YOU DID
NOTHING!

YOU
DON'T CARE
ABOUT ANY
OF US!



WE'RE
JUST
SOLDIERS
TO YOU---
FODDER
FOR YOUR
GLORY!

BOLD
WORDS,
CHILD.

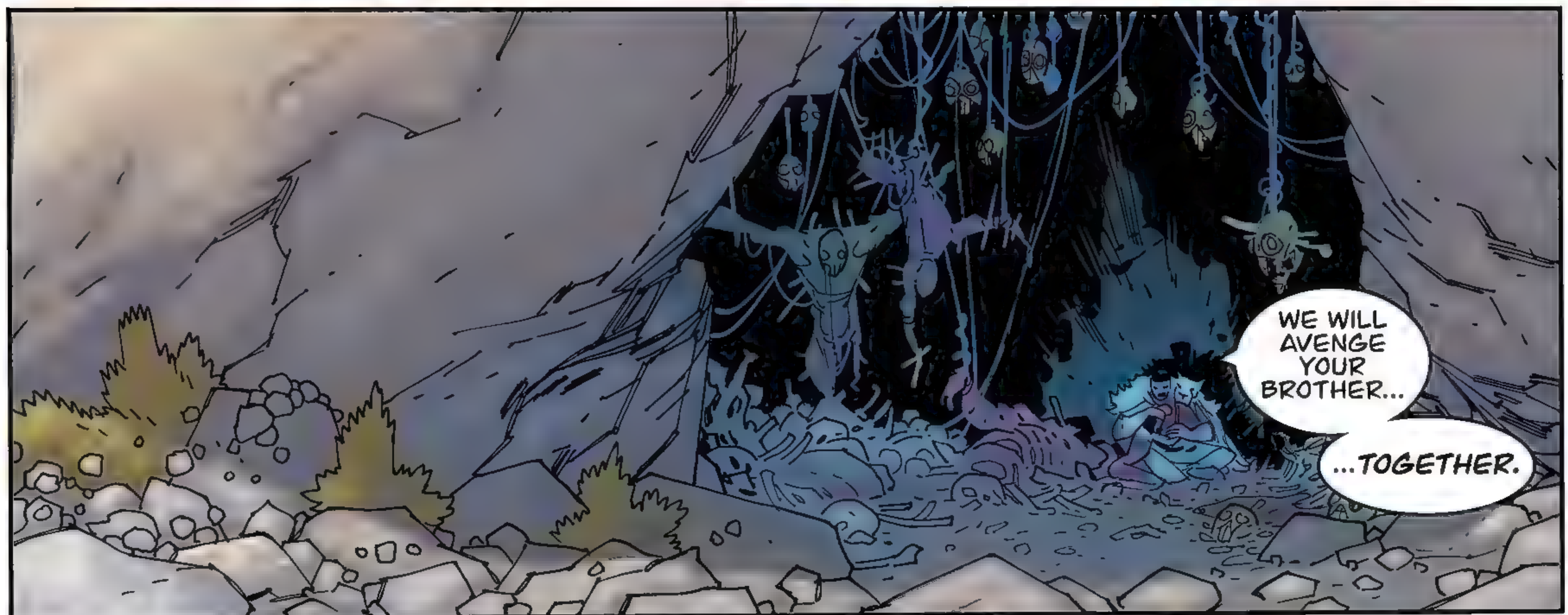
BUT YOU
COULDN'T
BE MORE
WRONG.

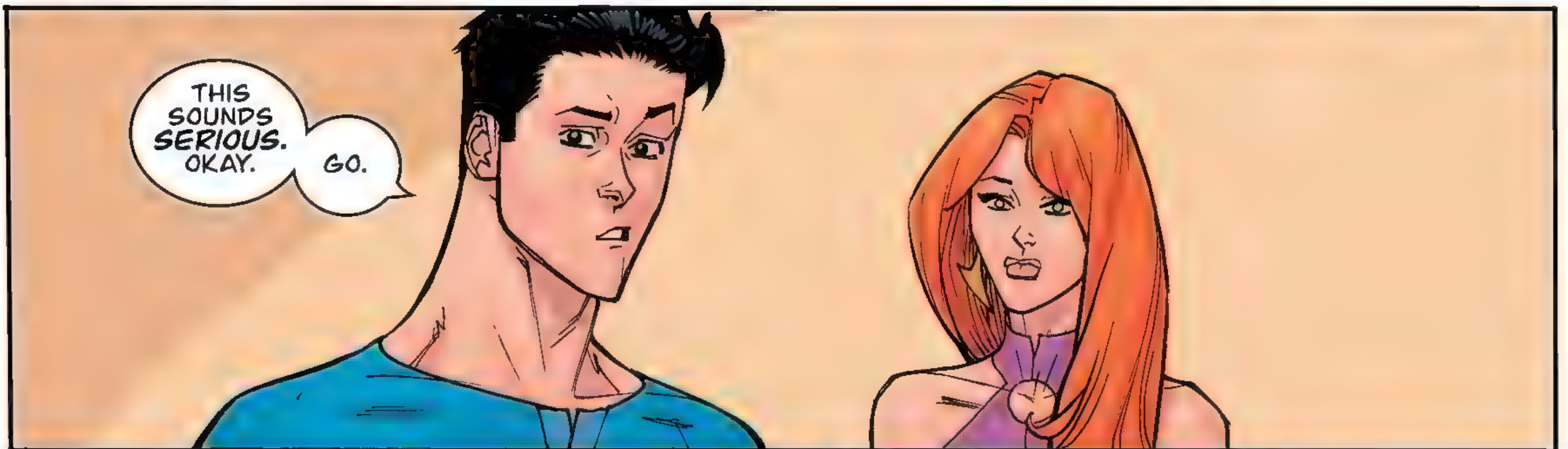
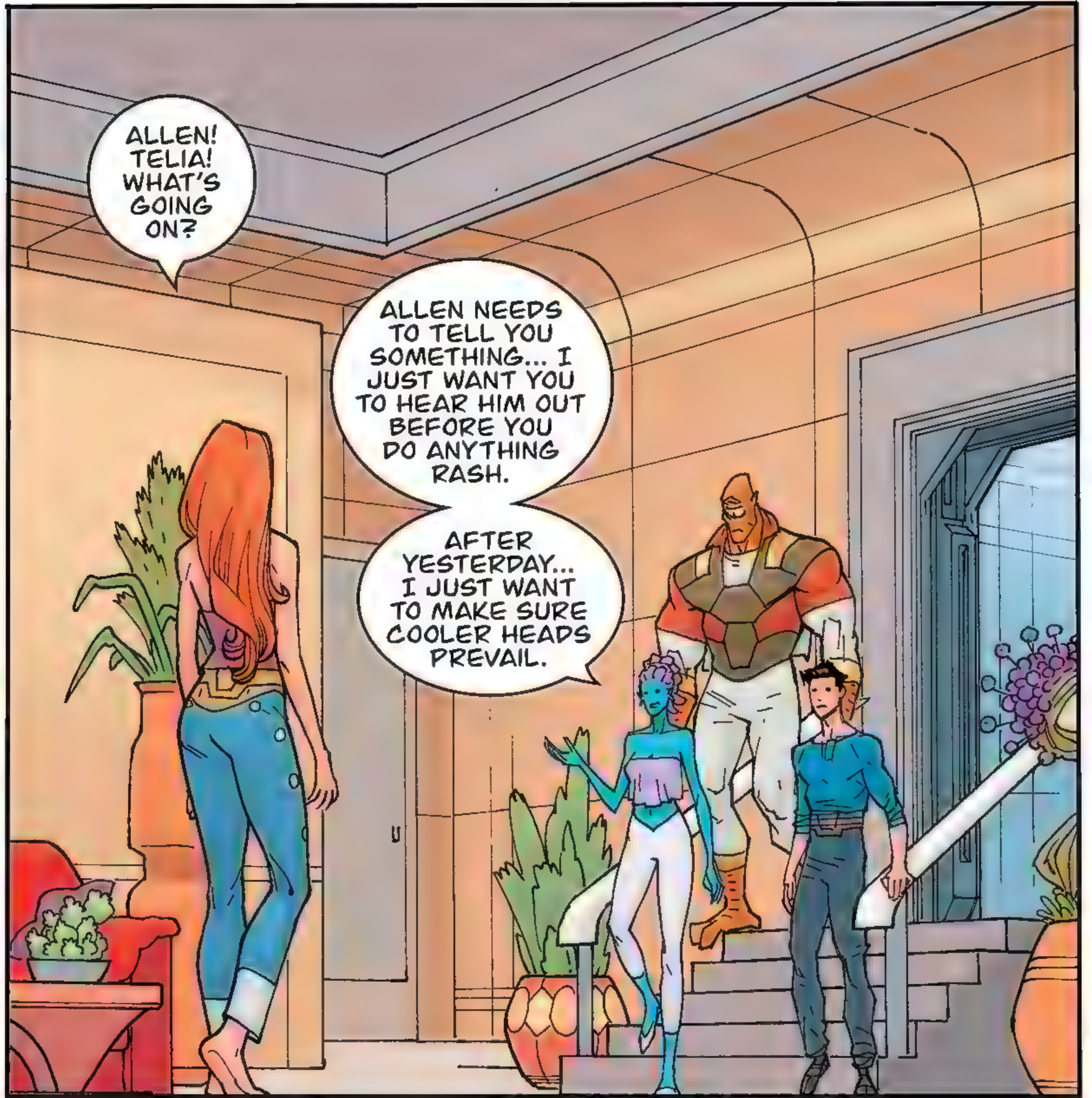


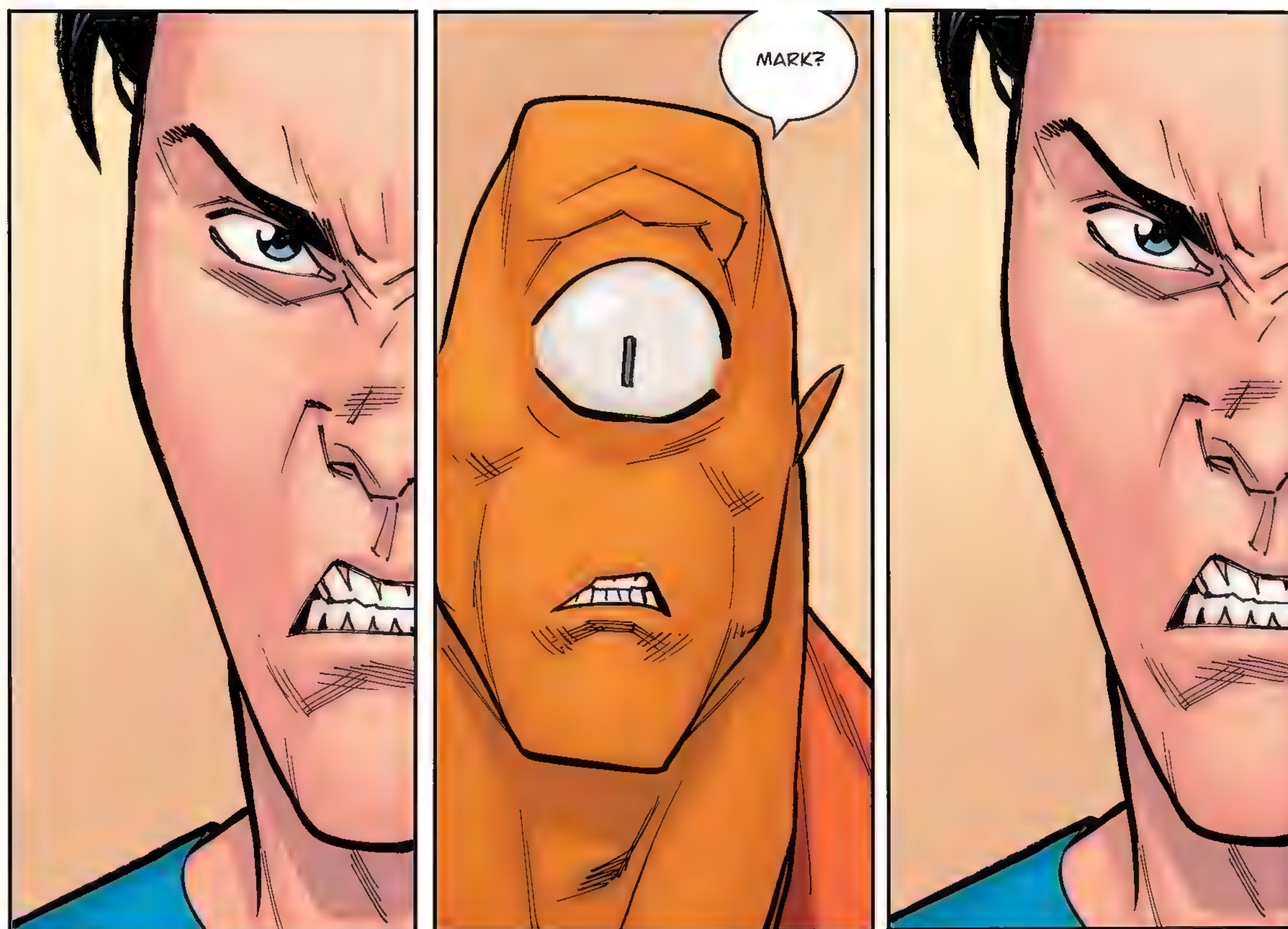
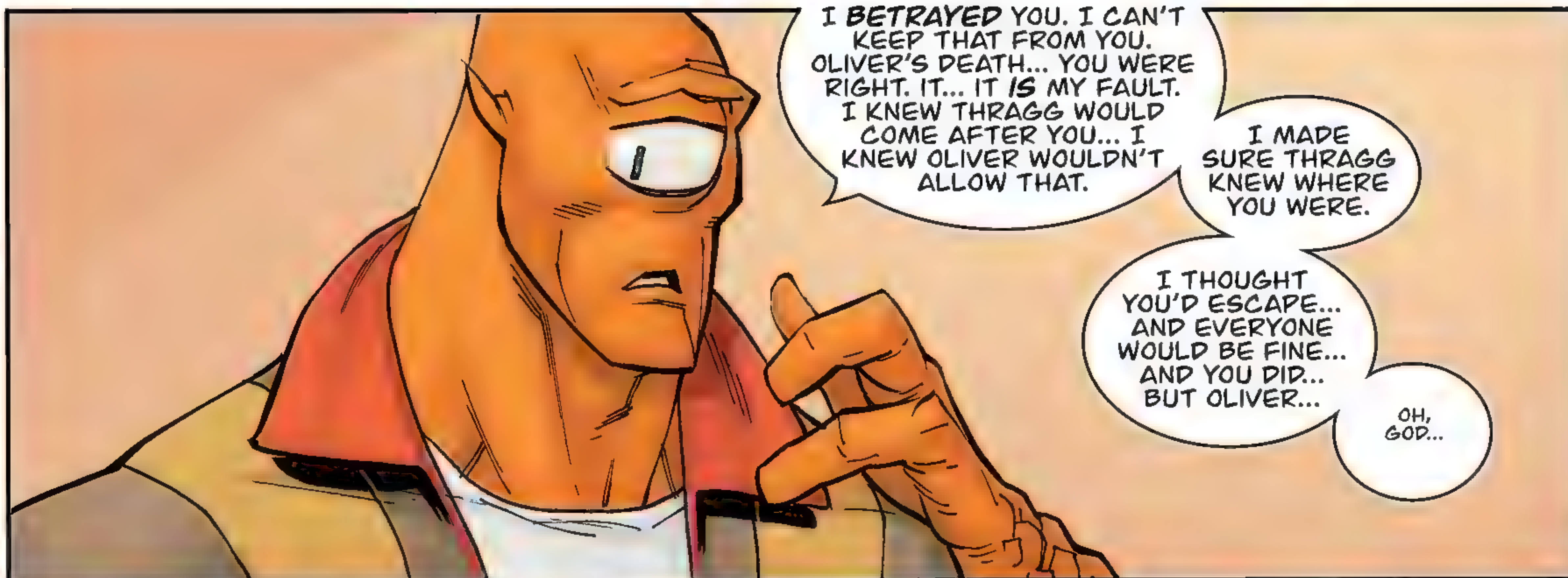
THERE
HASN'T BEEN
A DOCUMENTED
CASE OF TWINS
IN THE VILTRUMITE
RACE SINCE THE
SCOURGE VIRUS
DECIMATED OUR
POPULATION.

YOU
AND YOUR
BROTHER
WERE VERY
SPECIAL
TO ME.

R--
REALLY?

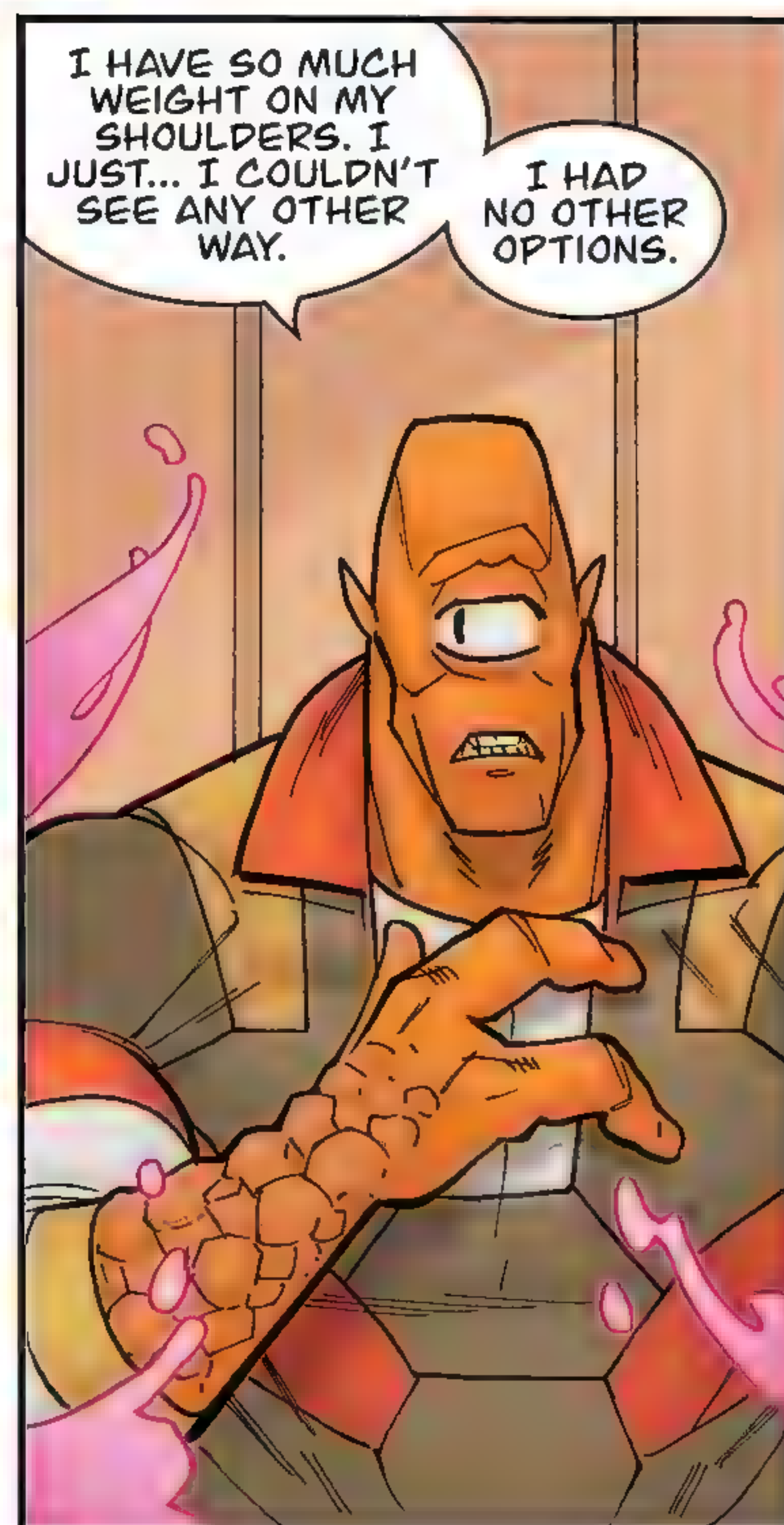
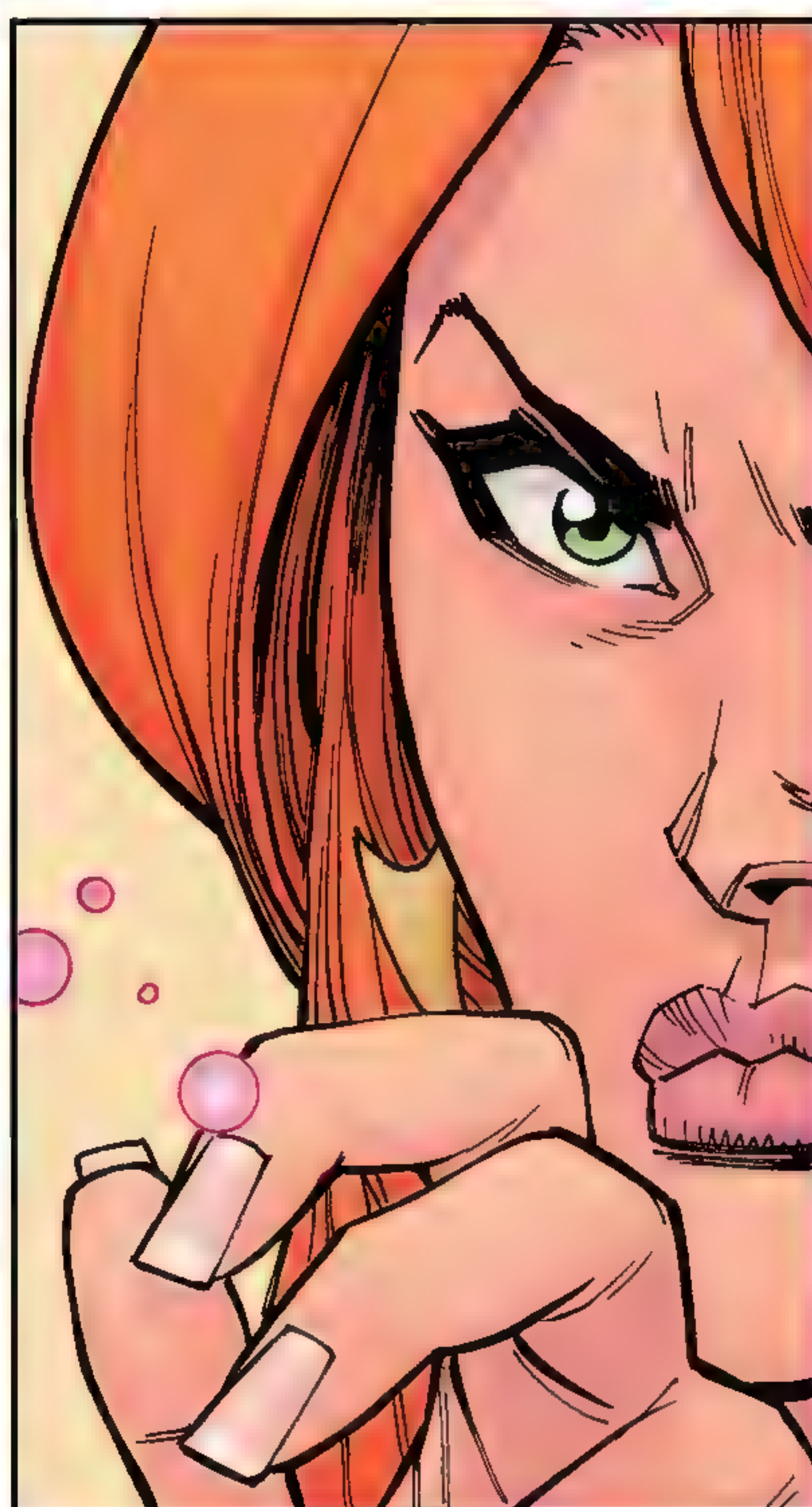
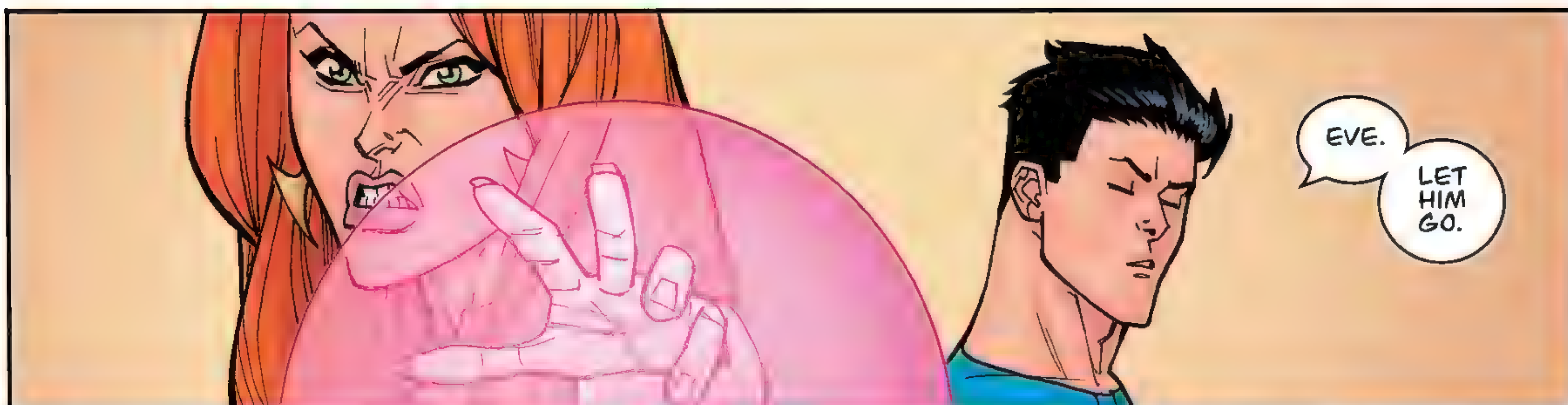


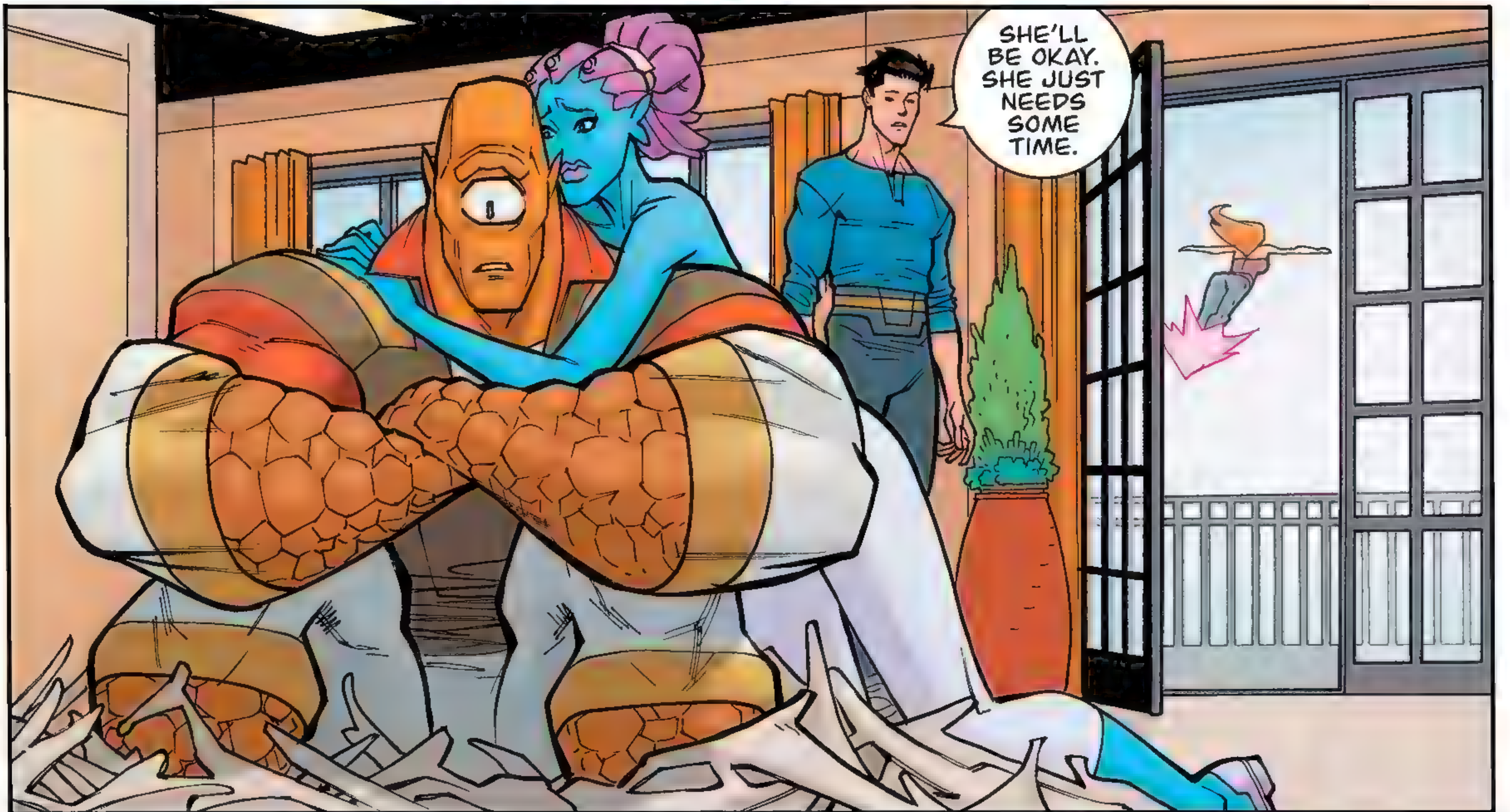
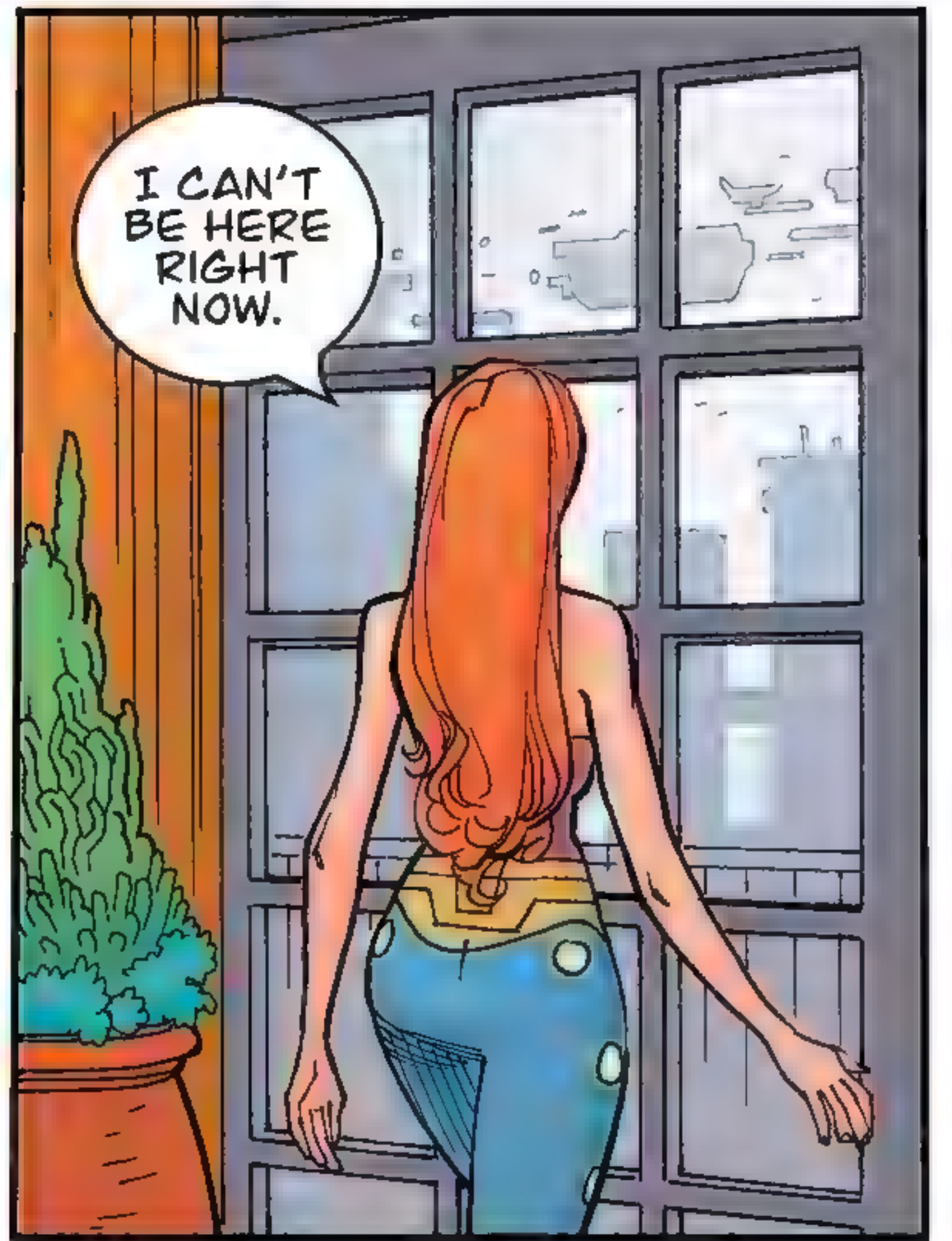
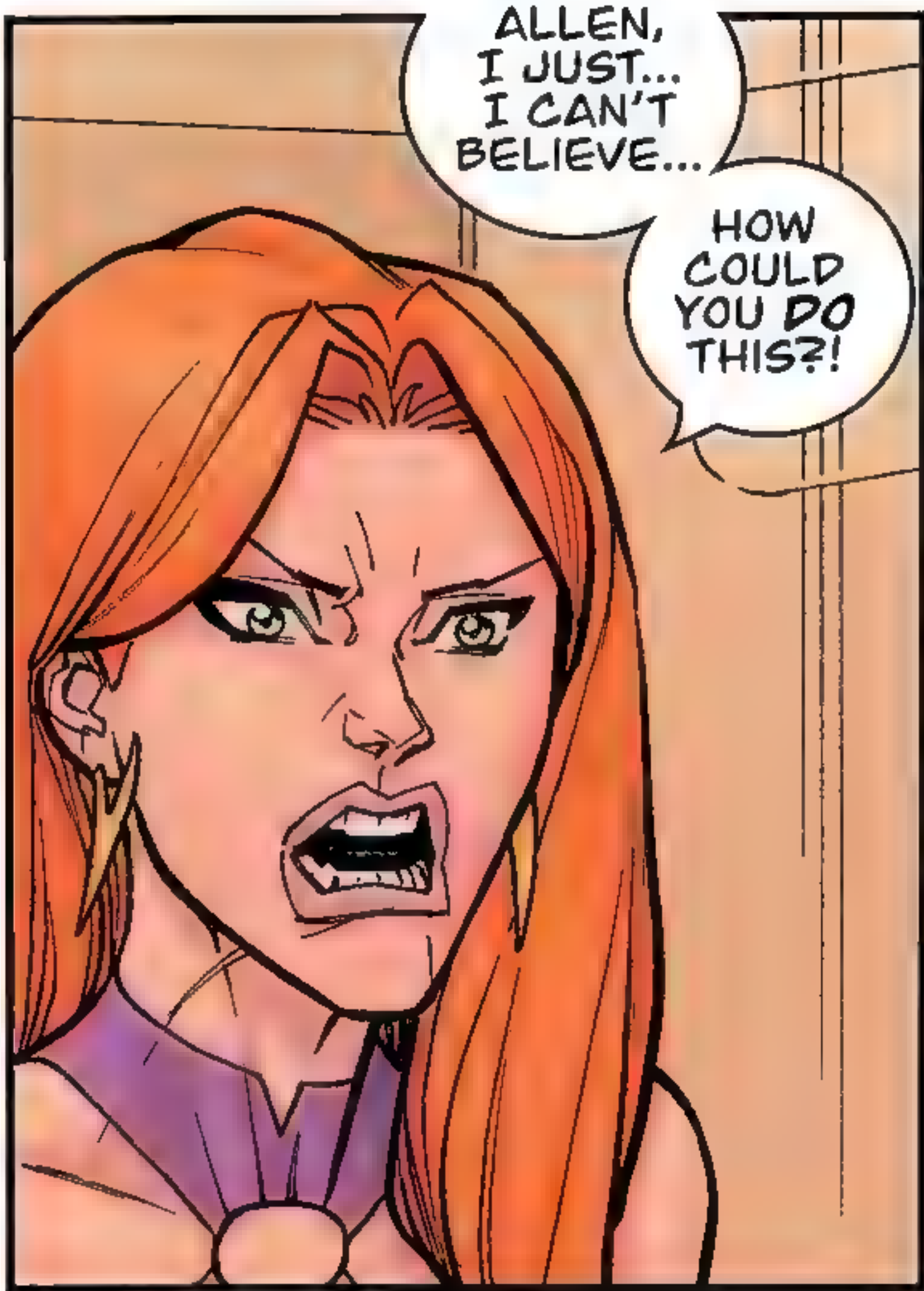


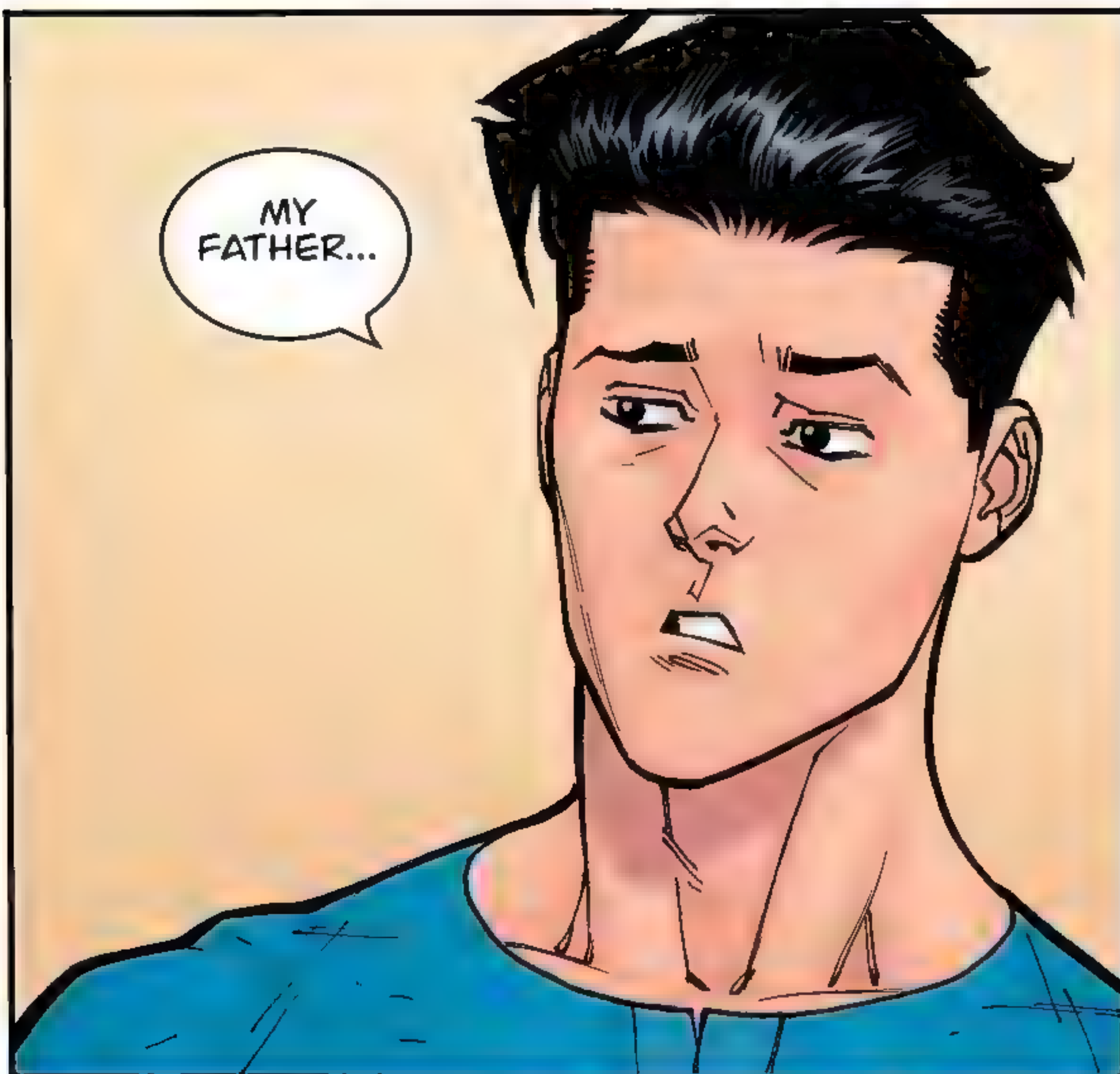




HE'S
SICK OVER
THIS--IT'S
KILLING
HIM!







MY FATHER...



I'VE MADE MANY ATTEMPTS TO BRING HIM IN. OLIVER WAS ALSO UNABLE TO CONVINCE HIM.



THRAGG'S FORCES HAVE GROWN STRONG... AT THIS POINT THEY EVEN OUTNUMBER THE VILTRUMITE FORCES WE FACED IN THE VILTRUMITE WAR.

THINGS ARE DIRE.

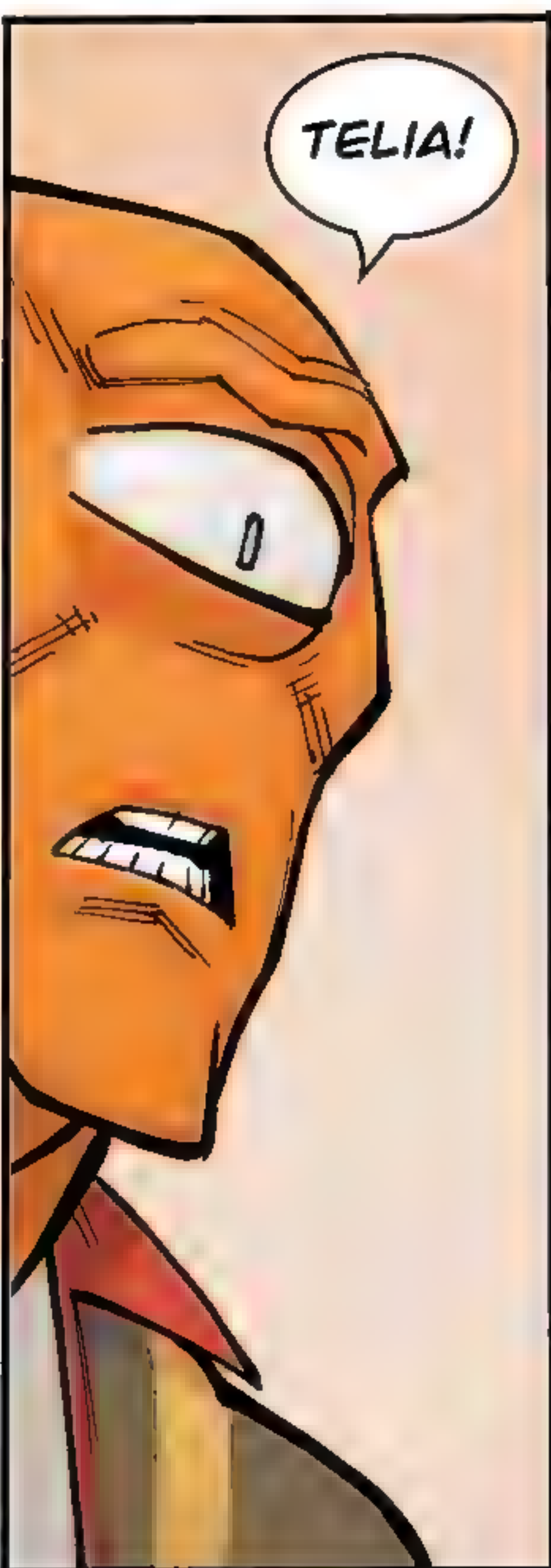
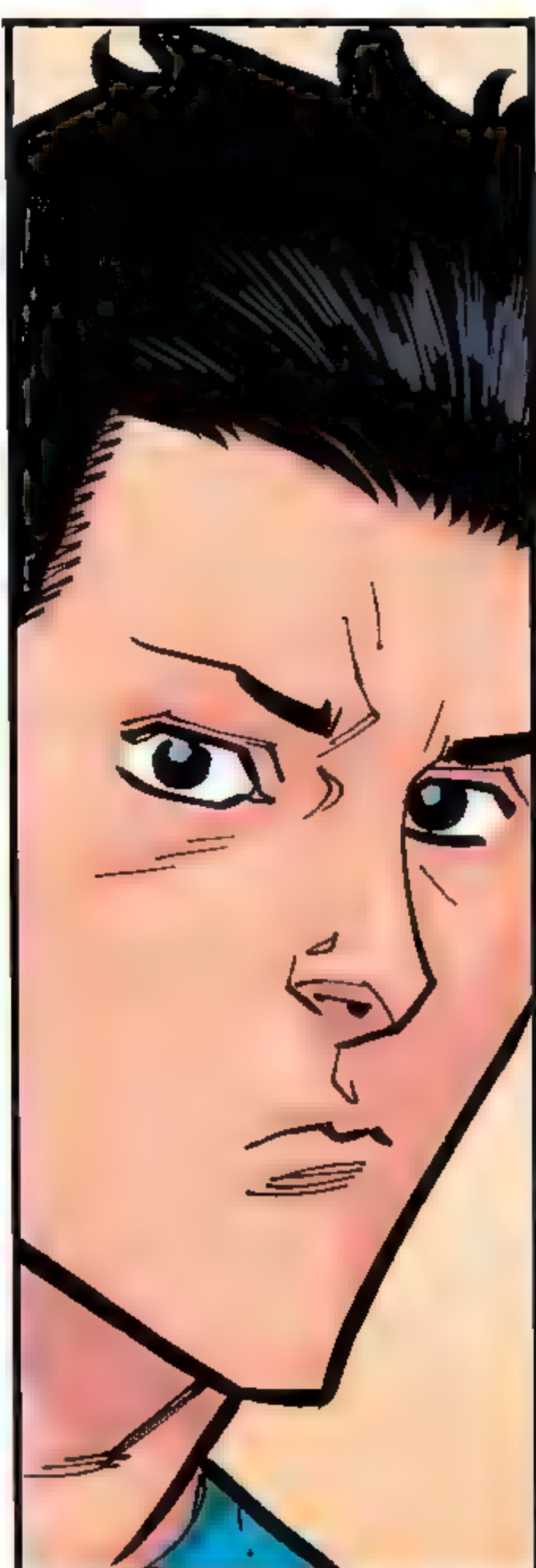
IF NOLAN AND THE REMAINING VILTRUMITES UNDER HIS RULE DON'T HELP US...

I DON'T SEE HOW WE CAN SUCCEED.

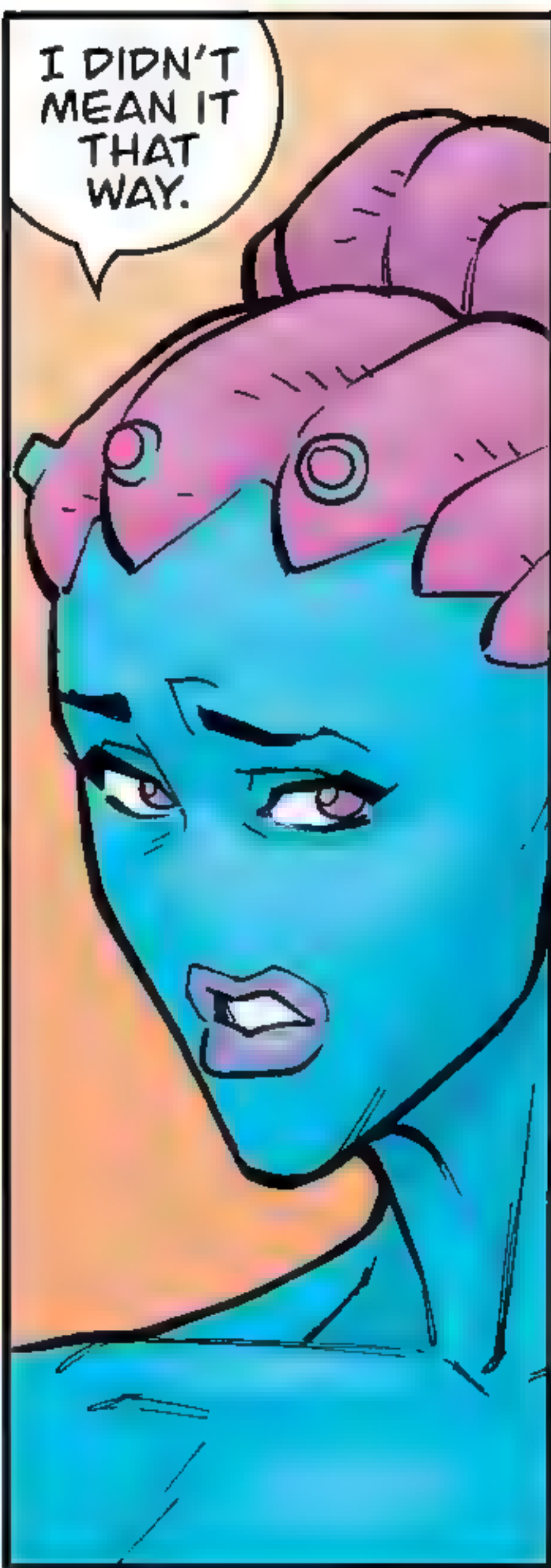


WON'T OLIVER'S DEATH HELP YOU THERE, TOO?

NOLAN WILL WANT REVENGE.



TELIA!

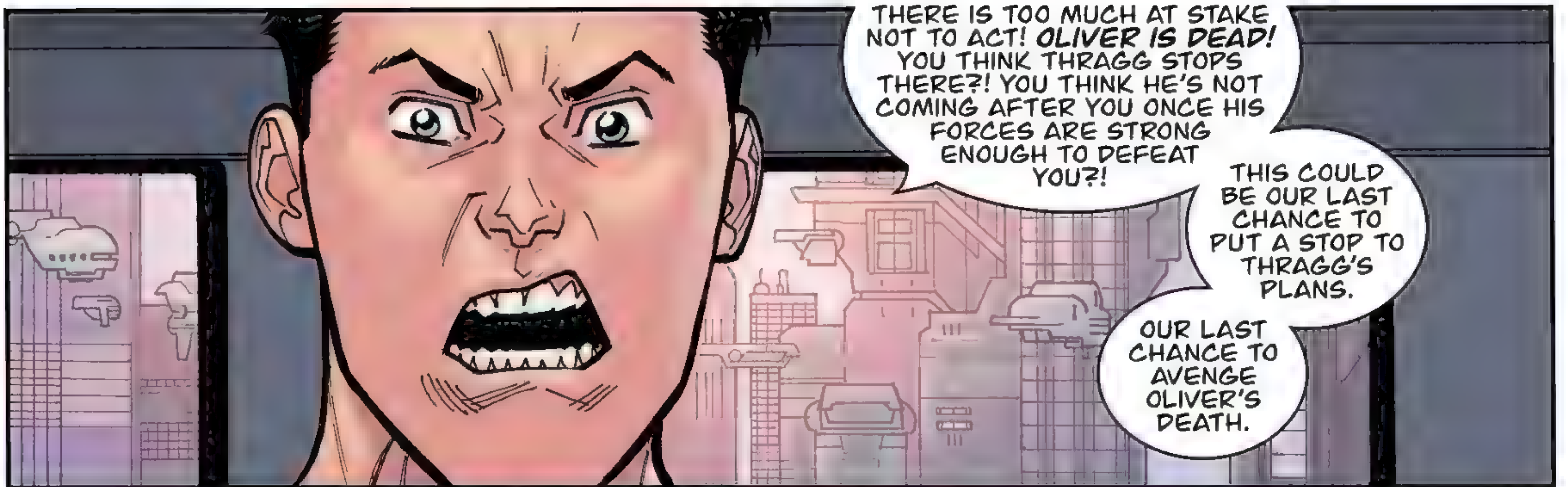


I DIDN'T MEAN IT THAT WAY.



I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO.





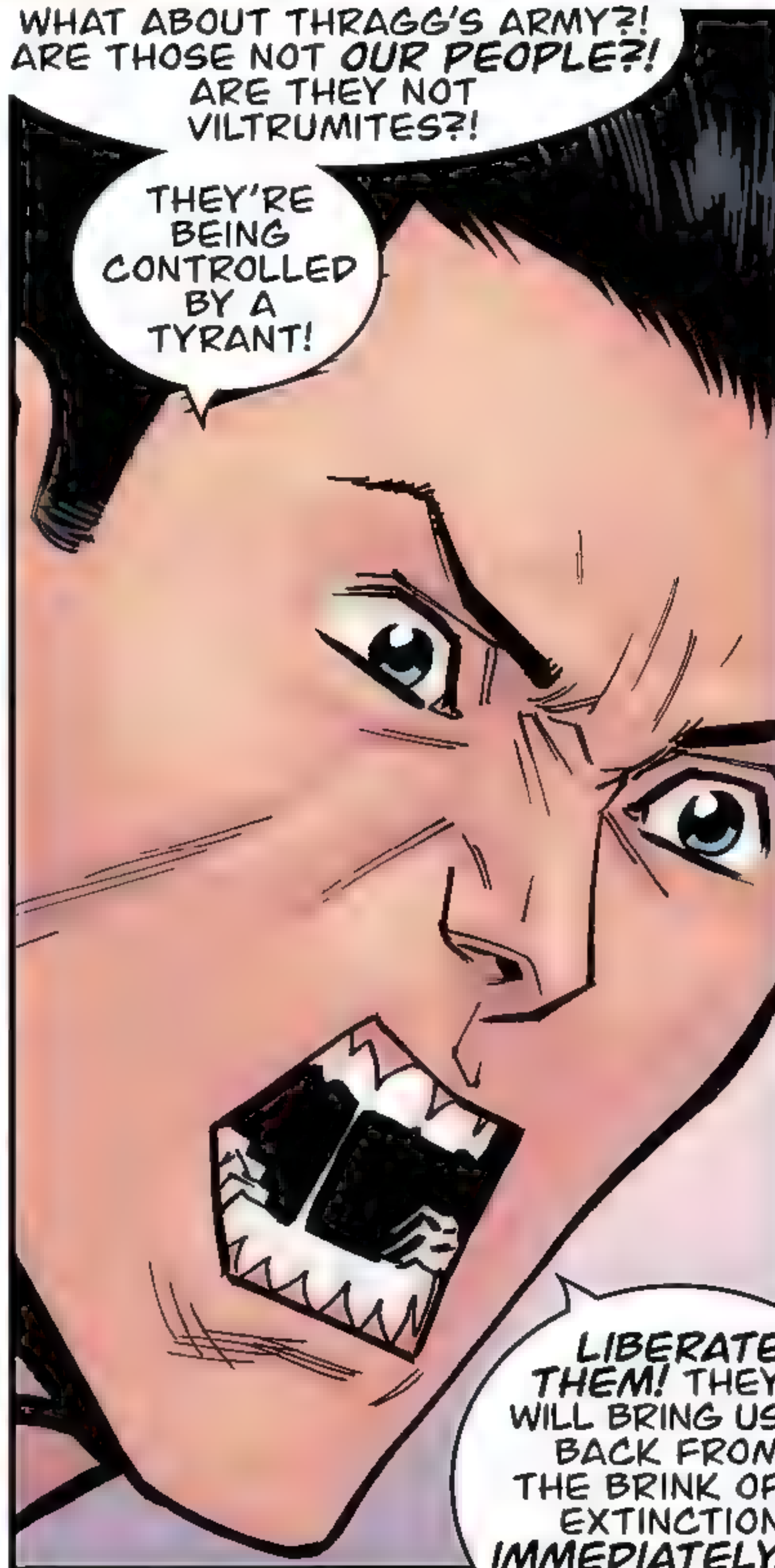
THERE IS TOO MUCH AT STAKE
NOT TO ACT! **OLIVER IS DEAD!**
YOU THINK THRAGG STOPS
THERE?! YOU THINK HE'S NOT
COMING AFTER YOU ONCE HIS
FORCES ARE STRONG
ENOUGH TO DEFEAT
YOU?!

THIS COULD
BE OUR LAST
CHANCE TO
PUT A STOP TO
THRAGG'S
PLANS.

OUR LAST
CHANCE TO
AVENGE
OLIVER'S
DEATH.



I CAN'T
PUT THE
FUTURE OF
OUR PEOPLE
AT RISK...



WHAT ABOUT THRAGG'S ARMY?!
ARE THOSE NOT OUR PEOPLE?!
ARE THEY NOT
VILTRUMITES?!

THEY'RE
BEING
CONTROLLED
BY A
TYRANT!

**LIBERATE
THEM!** THEY
WILL BRING US
BACK FROM
THE BRINK OF
EXTINCTION
IMMEDIATELY.



YOU
KNOW IT'S
NOT THAT
EASY.

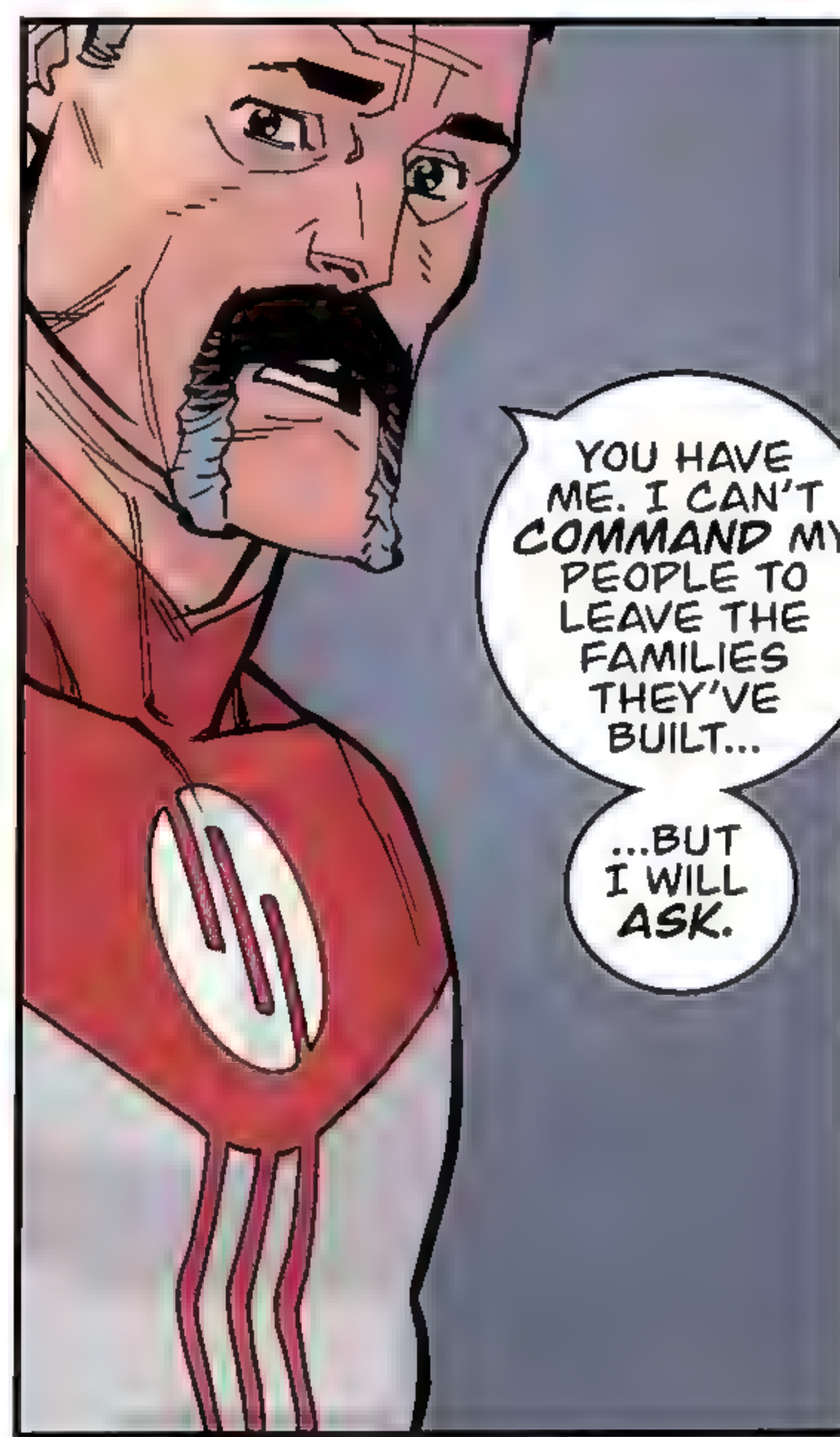


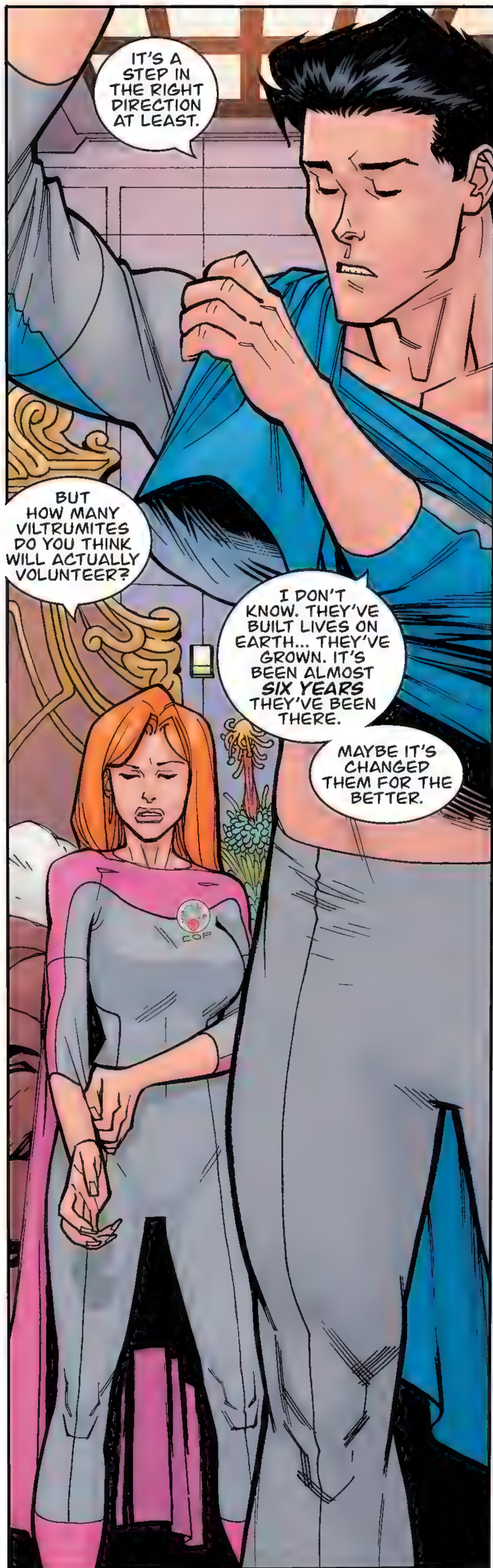
IT'S NOT! AND
IT'S GETTING
HARDER EVERY
MINUTE WE WASTE
ARGUING ABOUT
THIS. IT'S **DO OR
DIE** TIME!

IT'S NOT A
MATTER OF KEEPING
OUR PEOPLE SAFE BY
SITTING THIS OUT--IT'S
A MATTER OF BRINGING
EVERYONE TOGETHER...
WHILE WE'RE STILL
STRONG ENOUGH TO
FACE THIS!

YOU HAVE A
RESPONSIBILITY
HERE!

OR
HAVE YOU
FORGOTTEN
THAT YOU LET
THRAGG GO
IN THE FIRST
PLACE?!



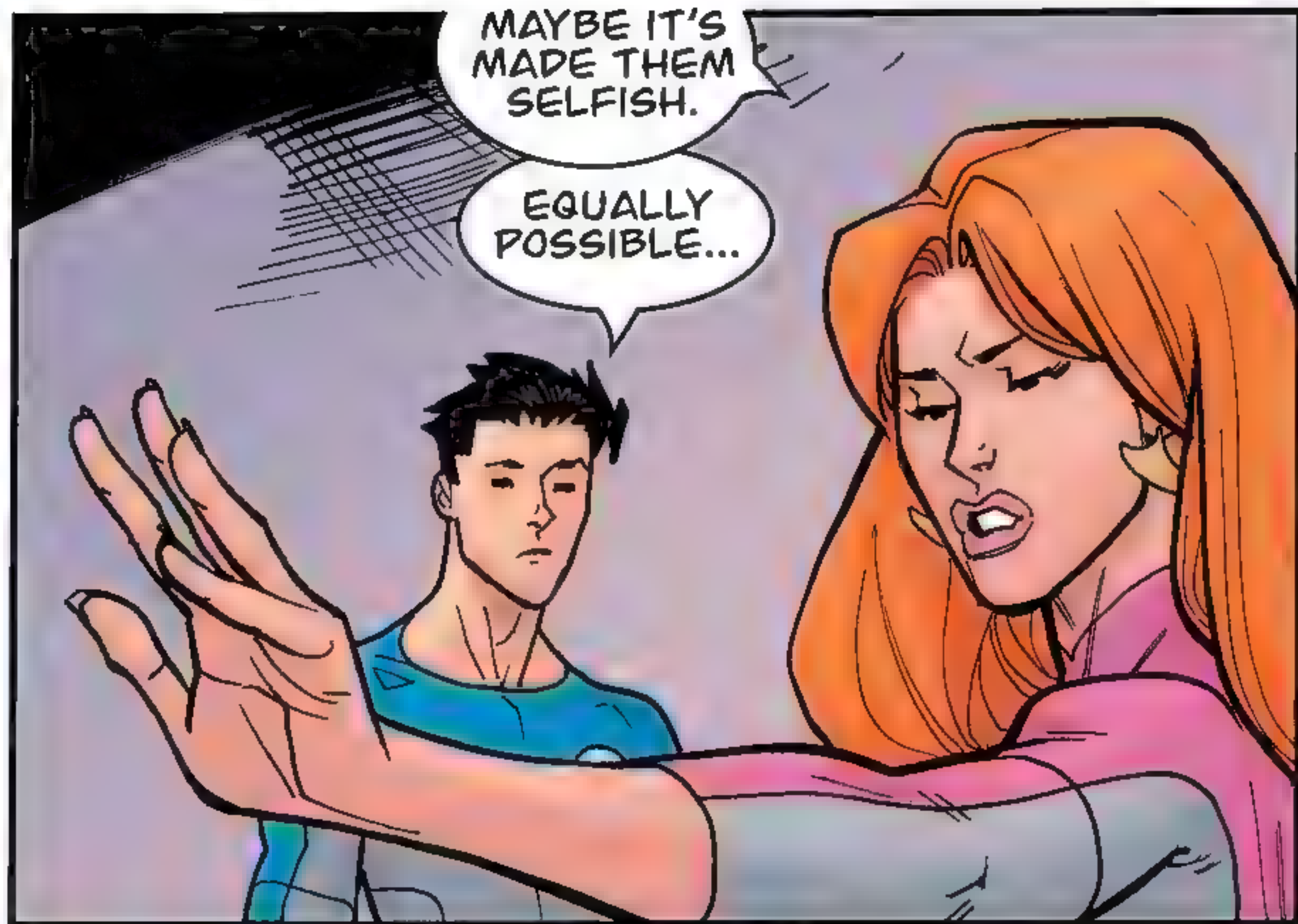


IT'S A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AT LEAST.

BUT HOW MANY VILTRUMITES DO YOU THINK WILL ACTUALLY VOLUNTEER?

I DON'T KNOW. THEY'VE BUILT LIVES ON EARTH... THEY'VE GROWN. IT'S BEEN ALMOST SIX YEARS THEY'VE BEEN THERE.

MAYBE IT'S CHANGED THEM FOR THE BETTER.



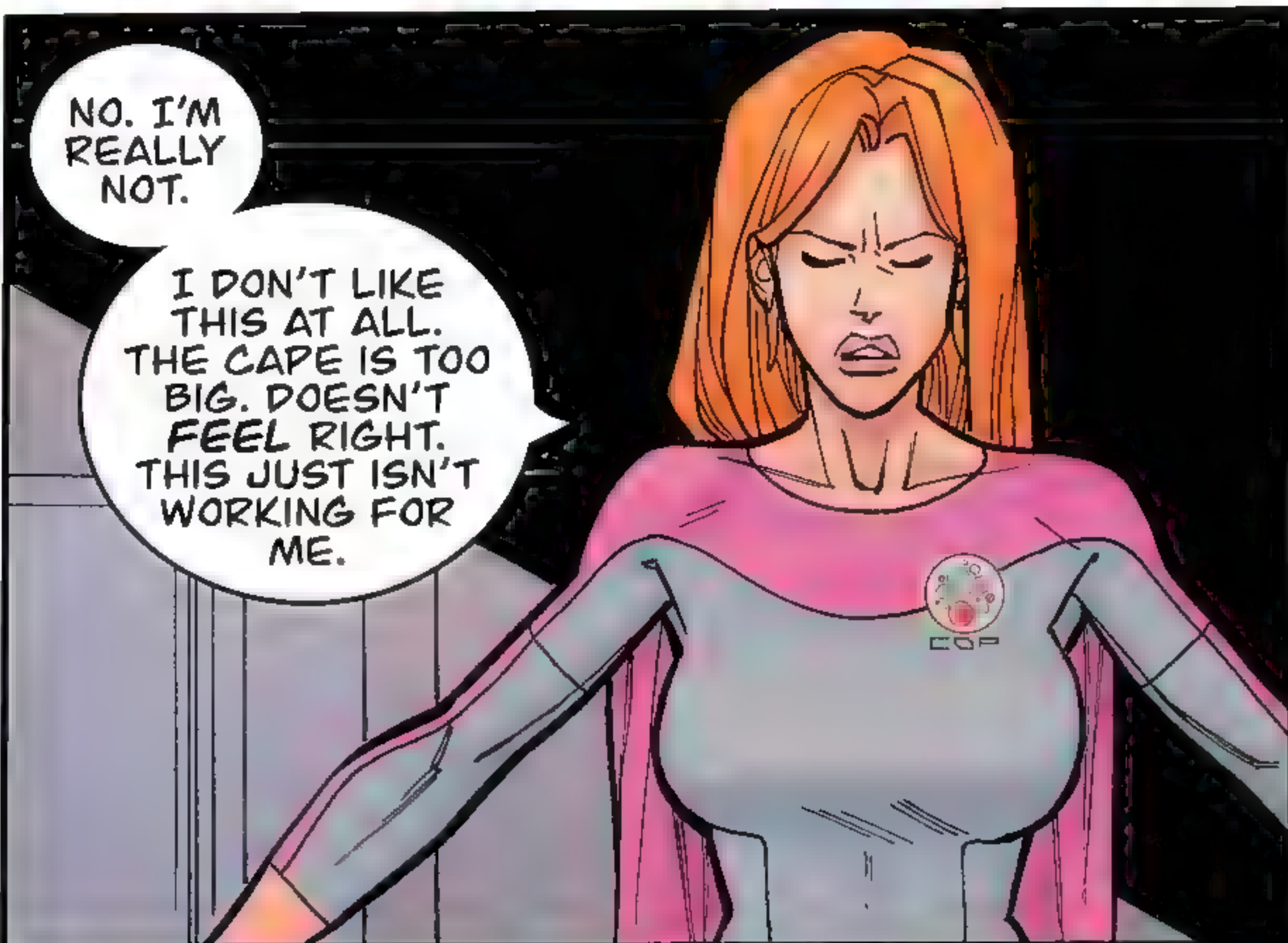
MAYBE IT'S MADE THEM SELFISH.

EQUALLY POSSIBLE...



IT'S THE BEST I COULD DO. HE'S INVOLVED. HOPEFULLY AS TIME GOES ON... HE'LL GET MORE INVOLVED.

YOU READY TO GO?



NO. I'M REALLY NOT.

I DON'T LIKE THIS AT ALL. THE CAPE IS TOO BIG. DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT. THIS JUST ISN'T WORKING FOR ME.



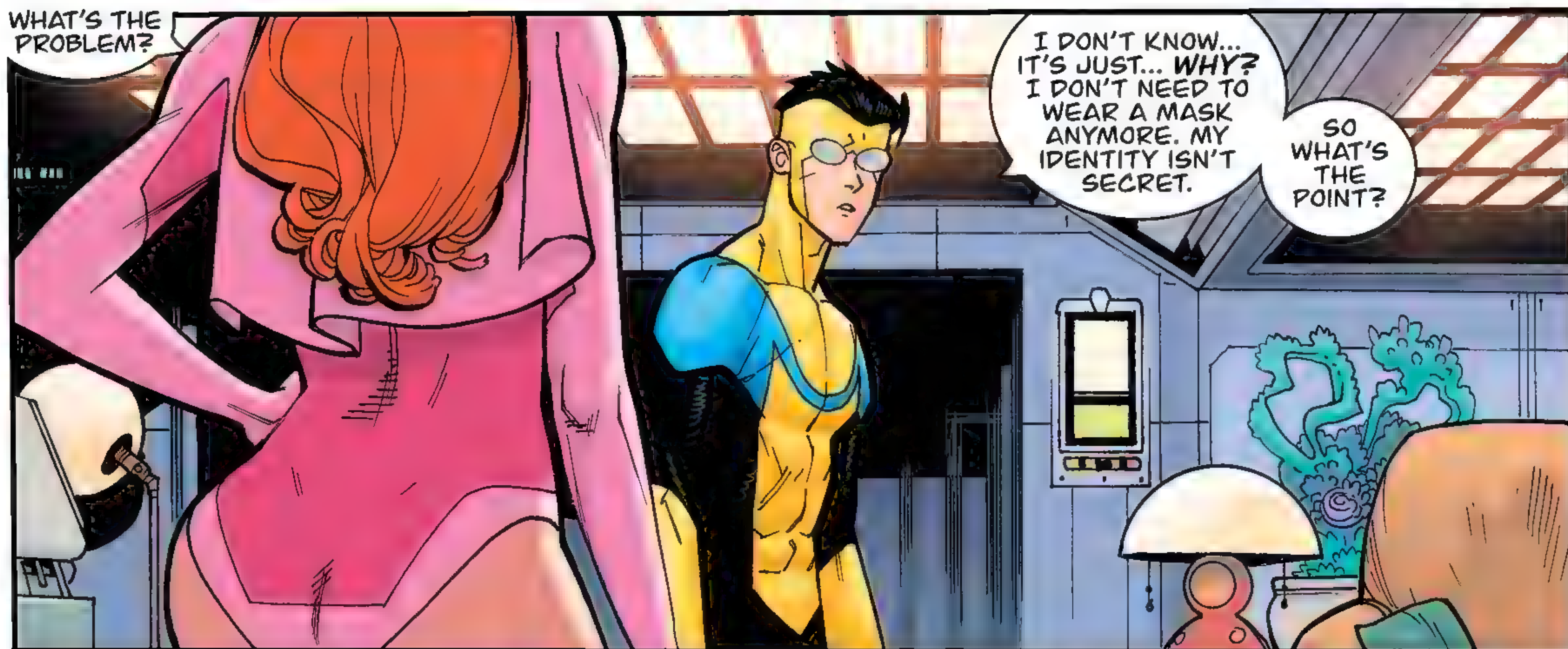
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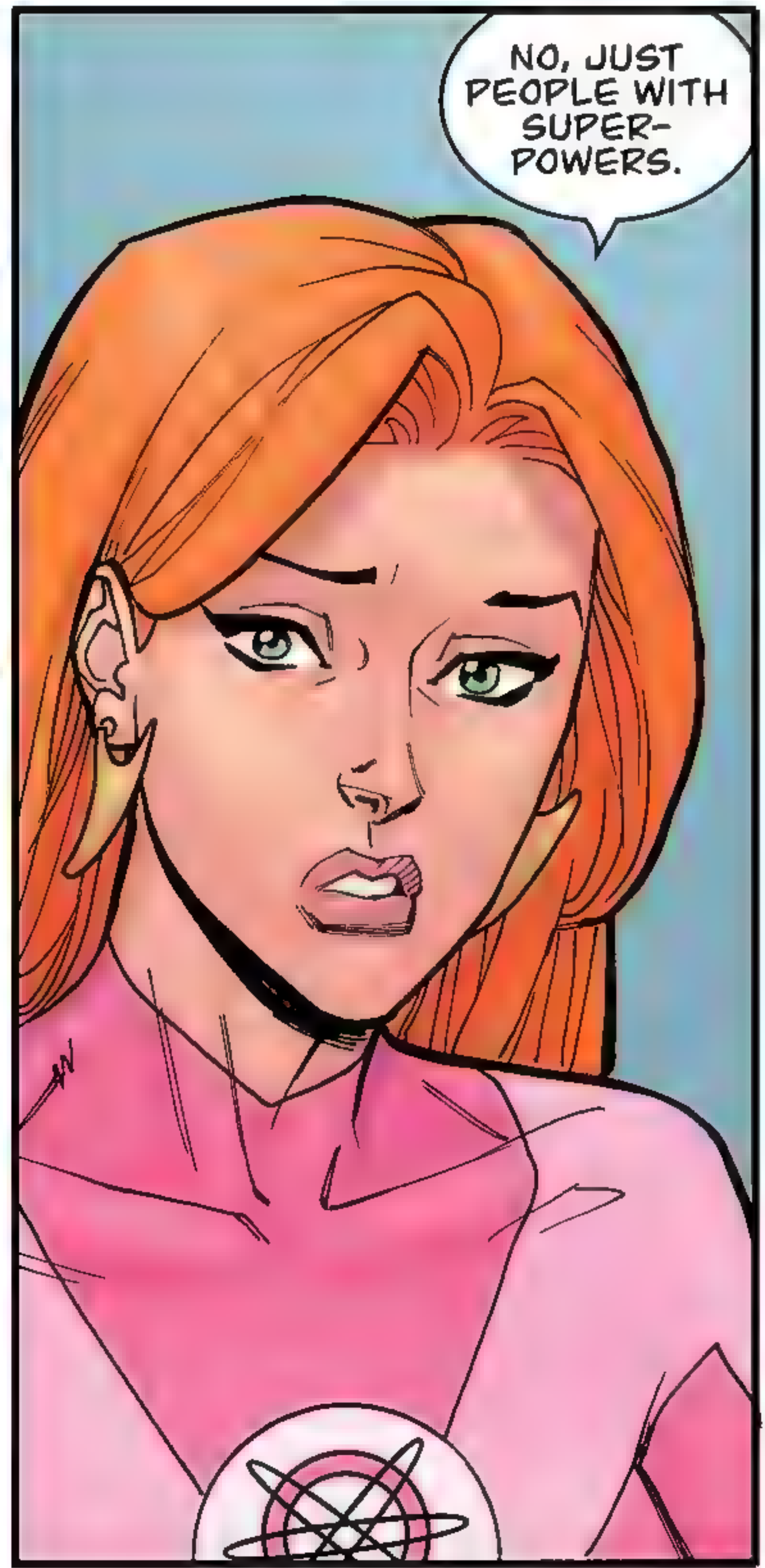
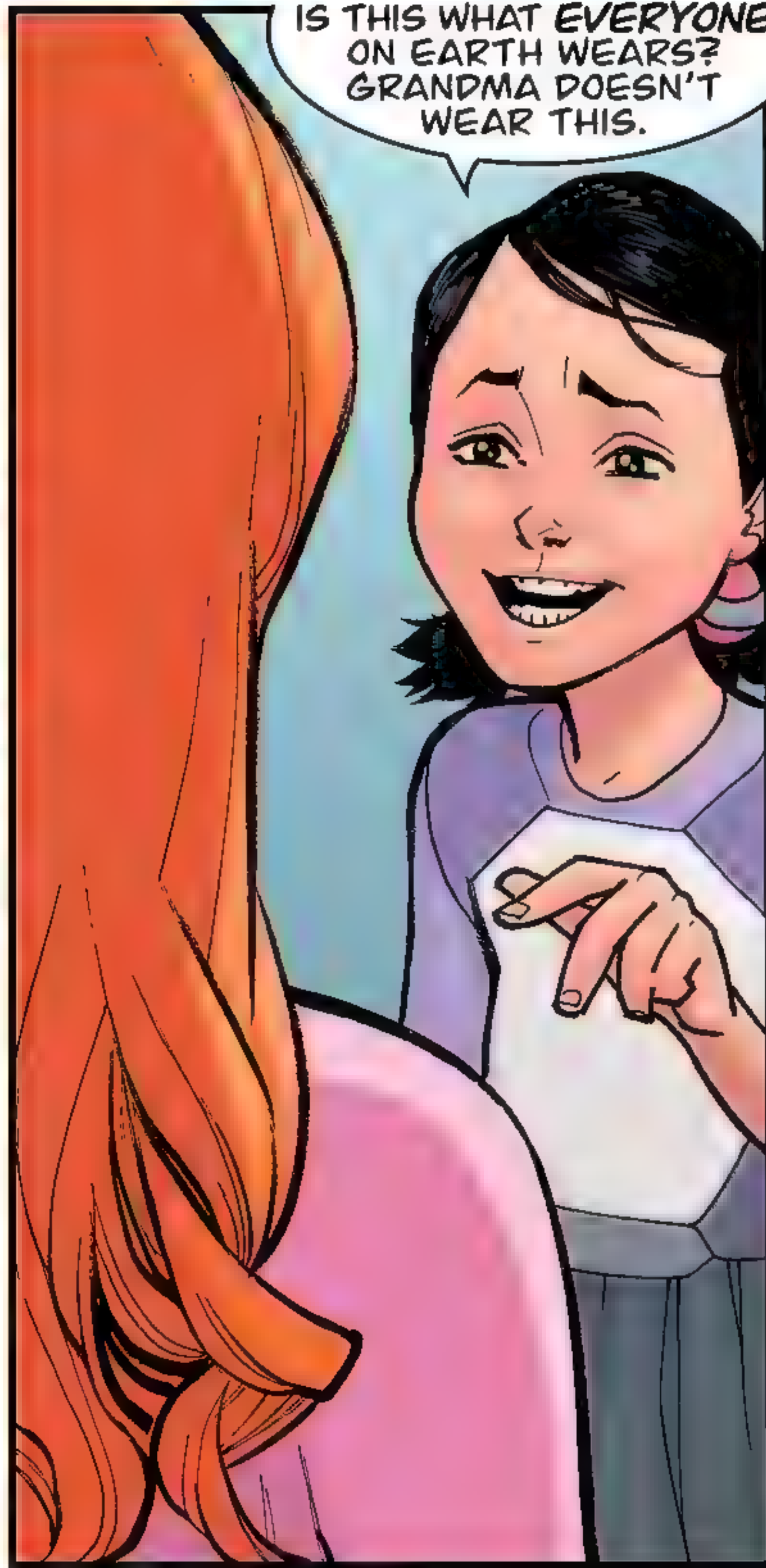
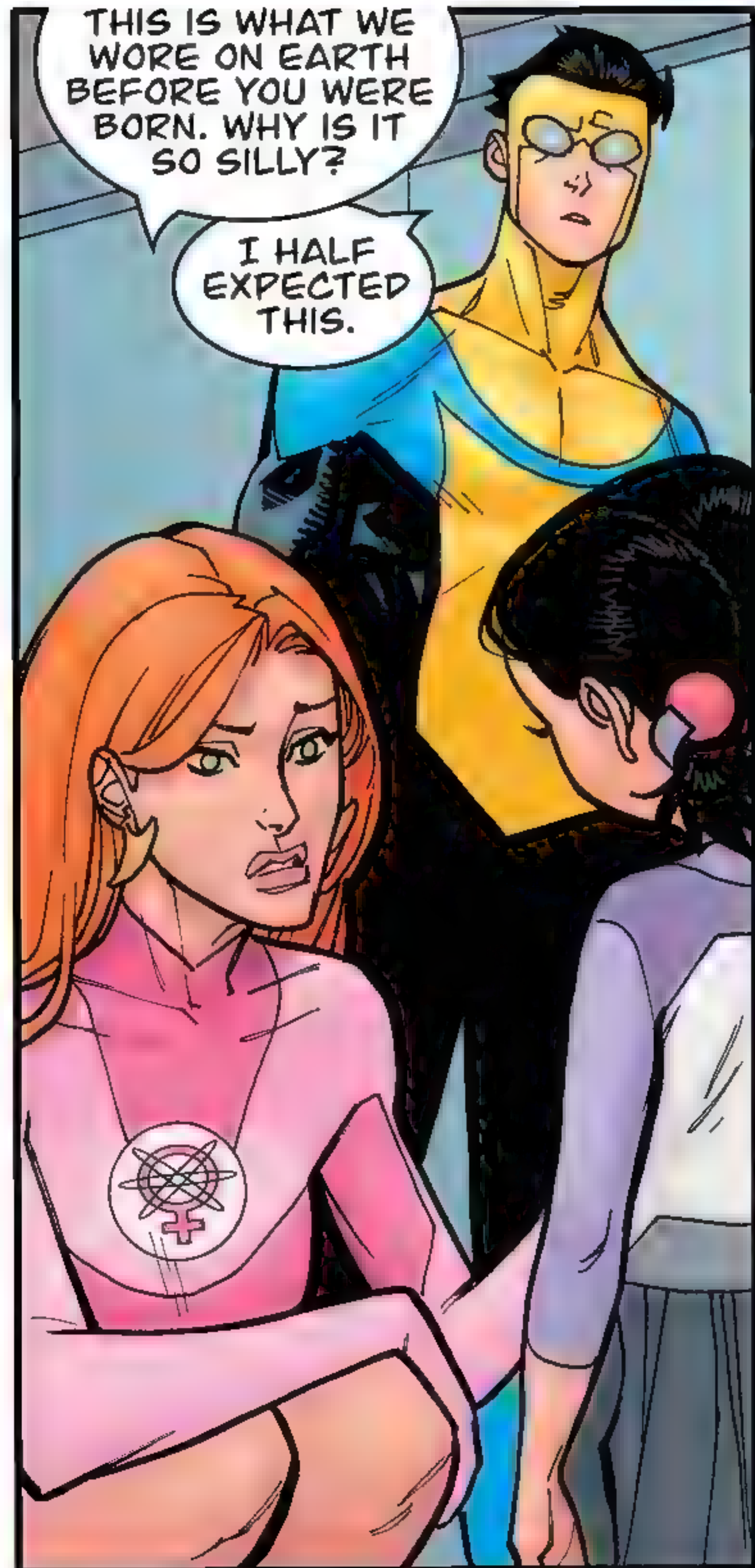
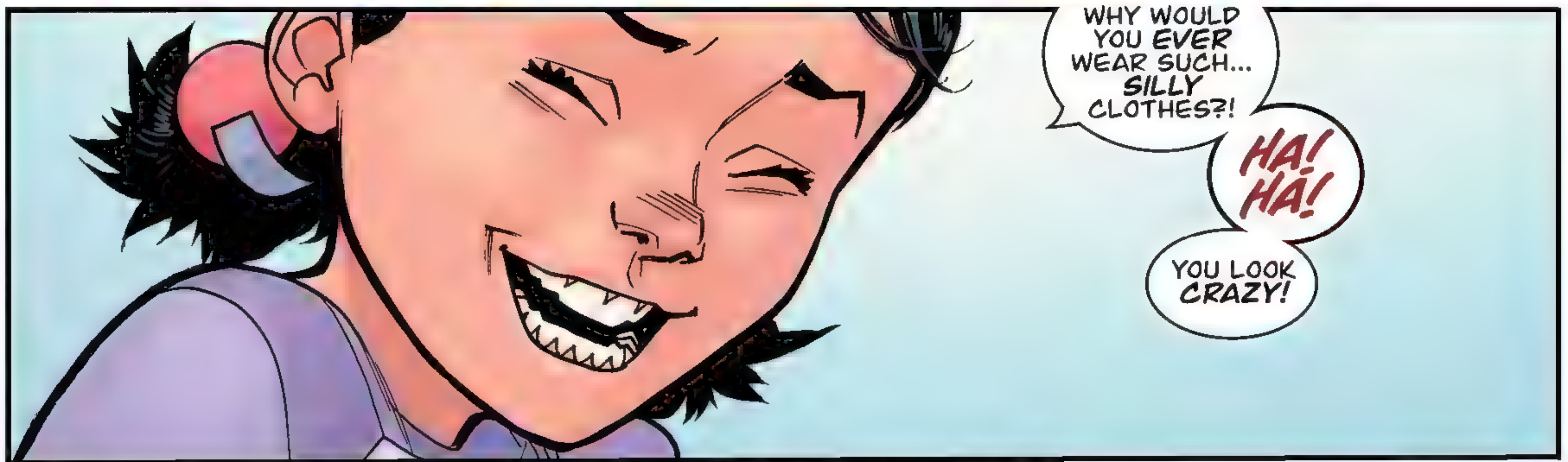
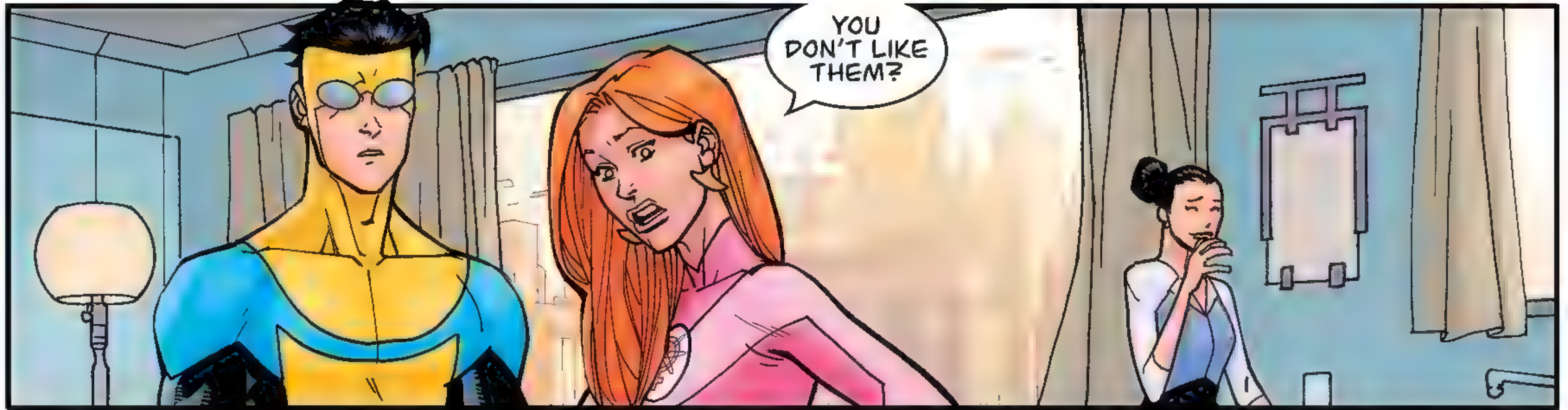
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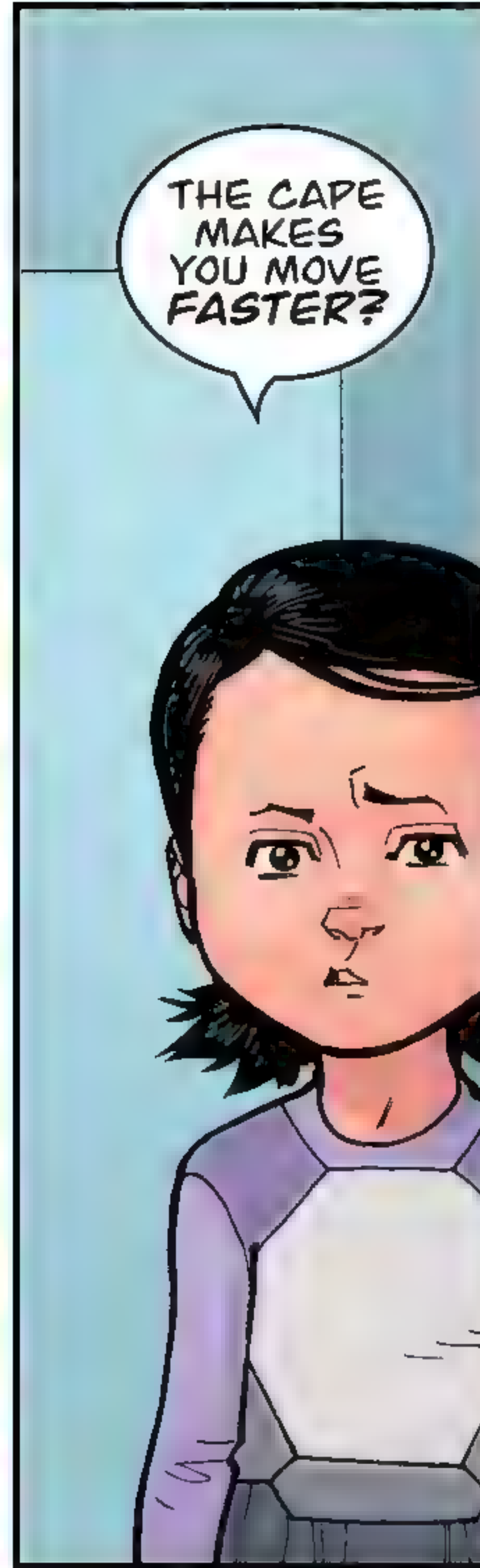
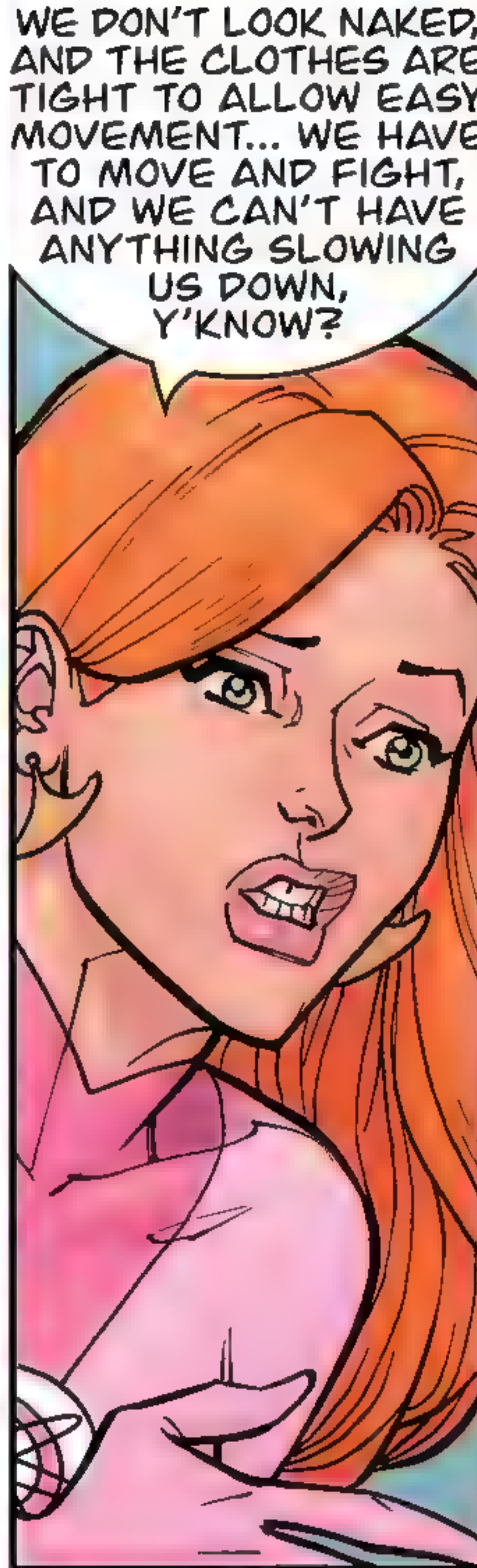
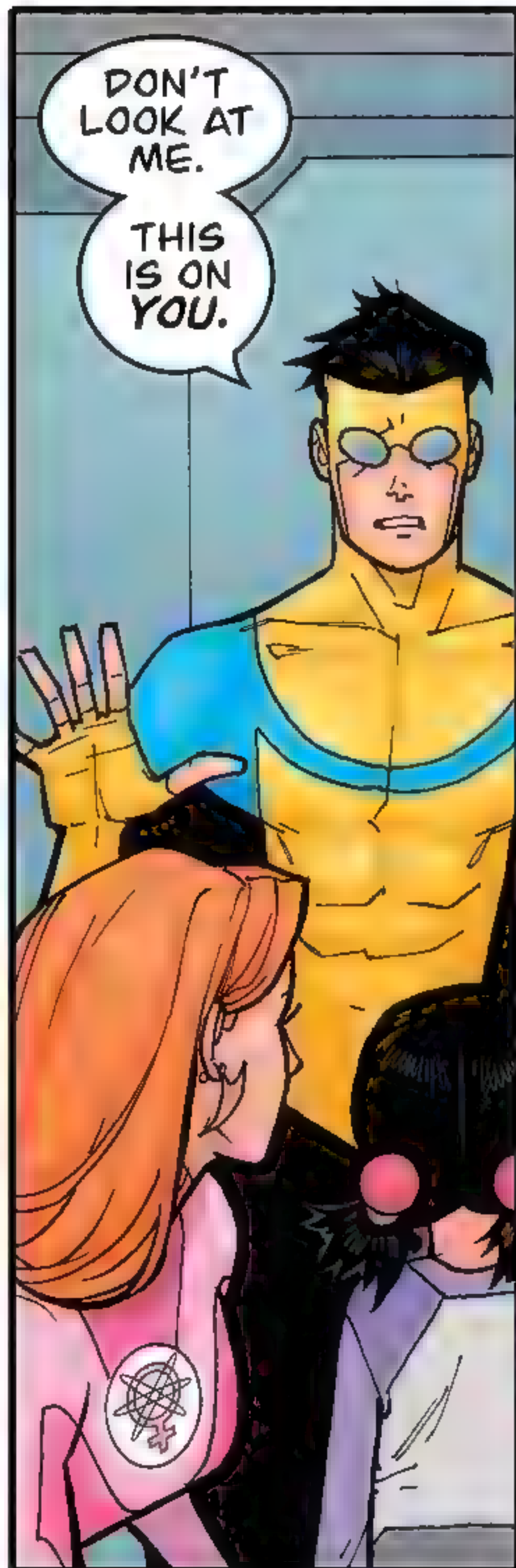
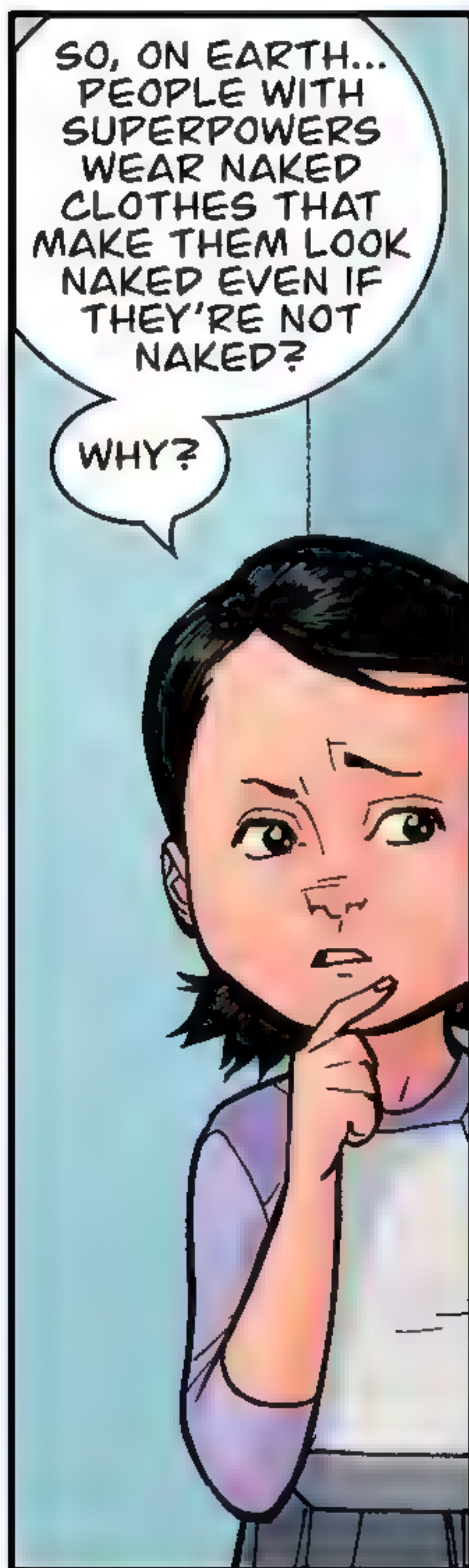
MUCH
BETTER!

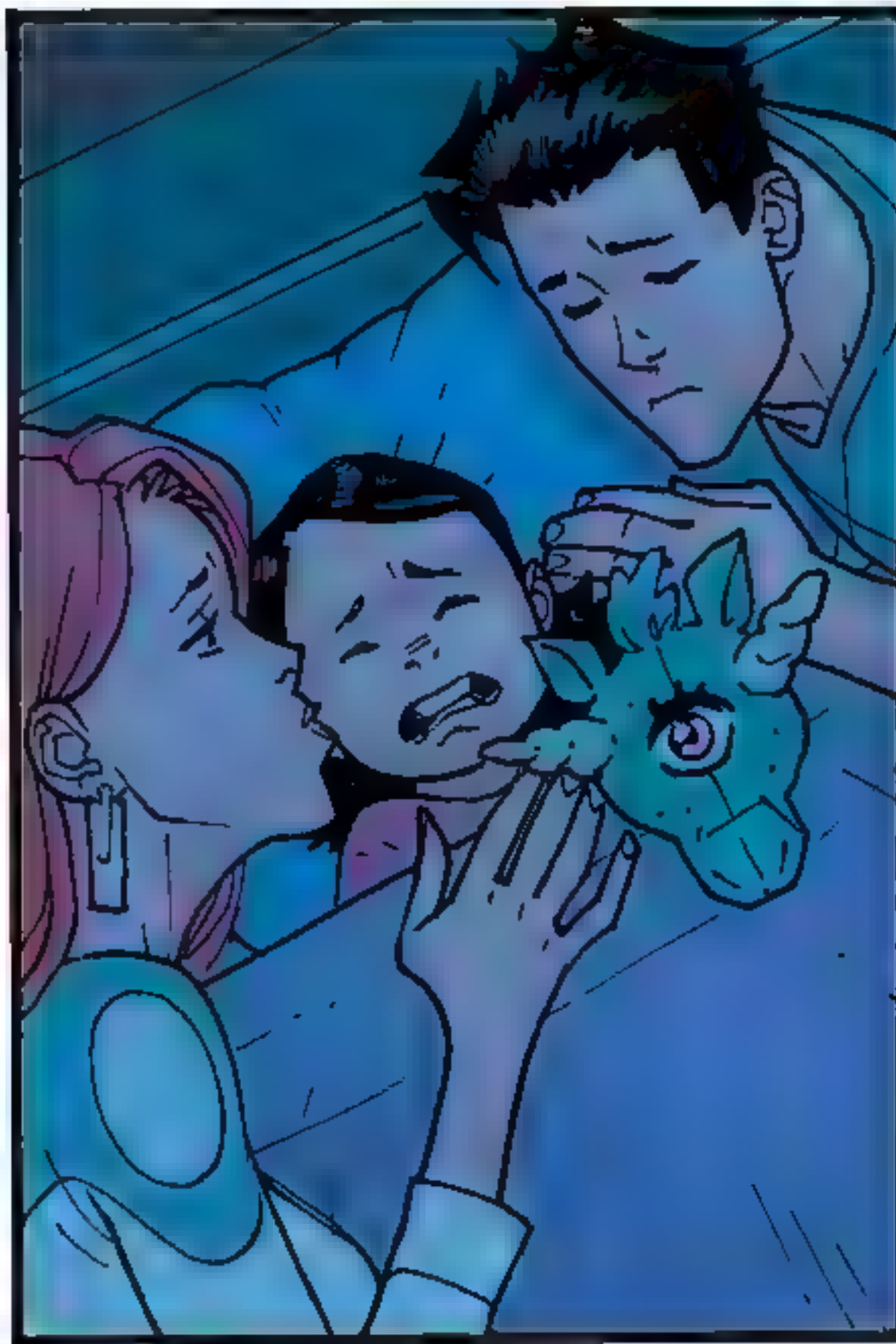
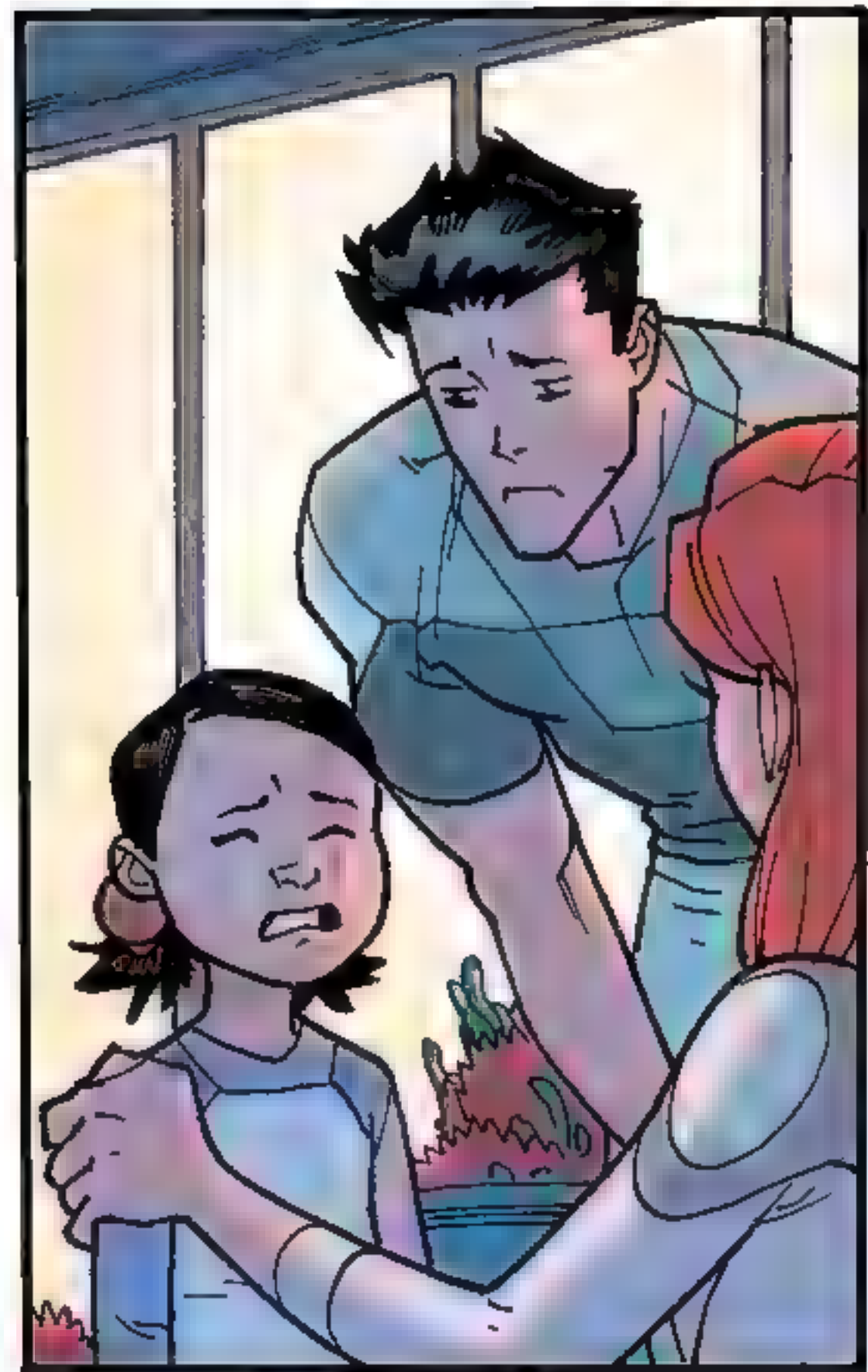
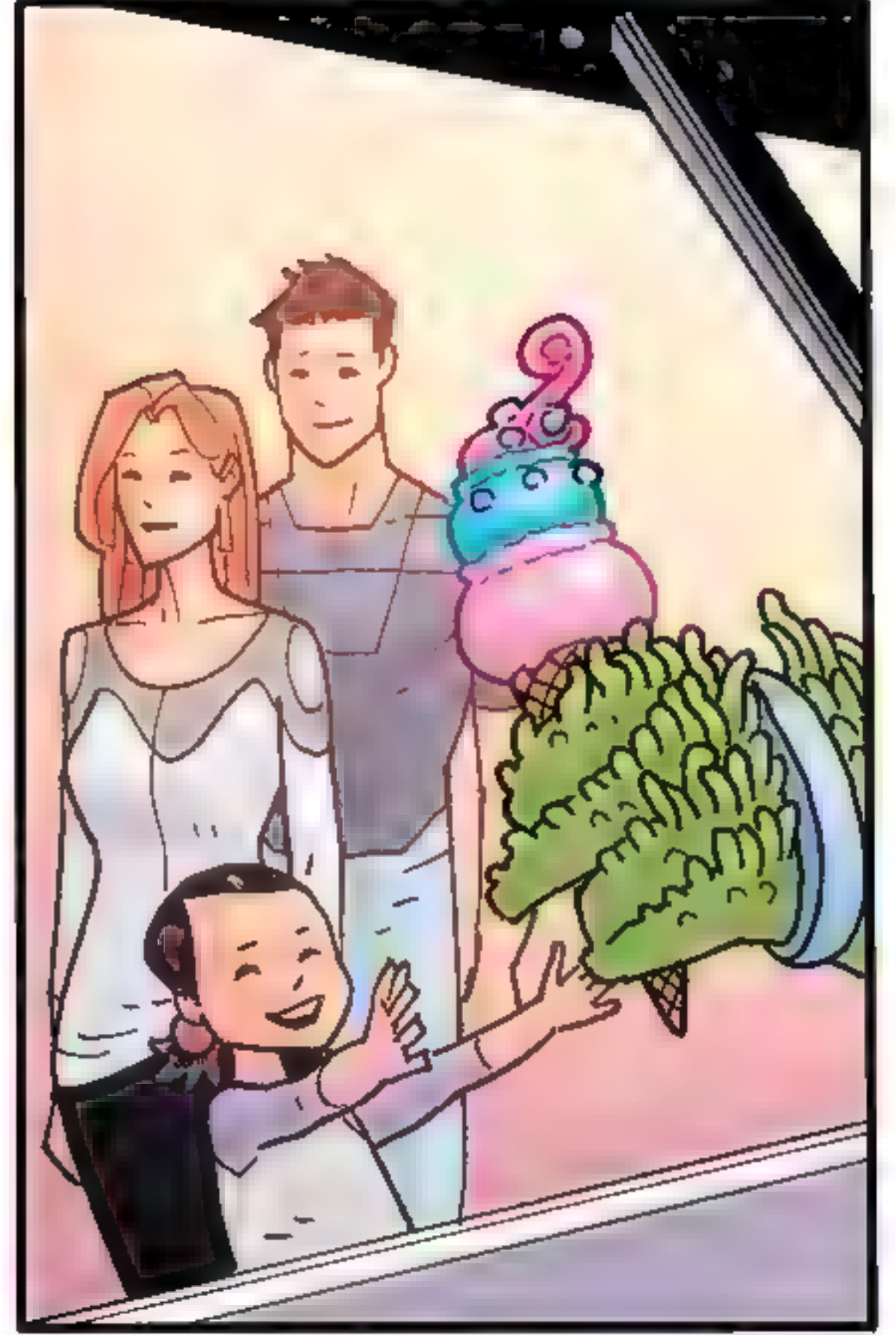
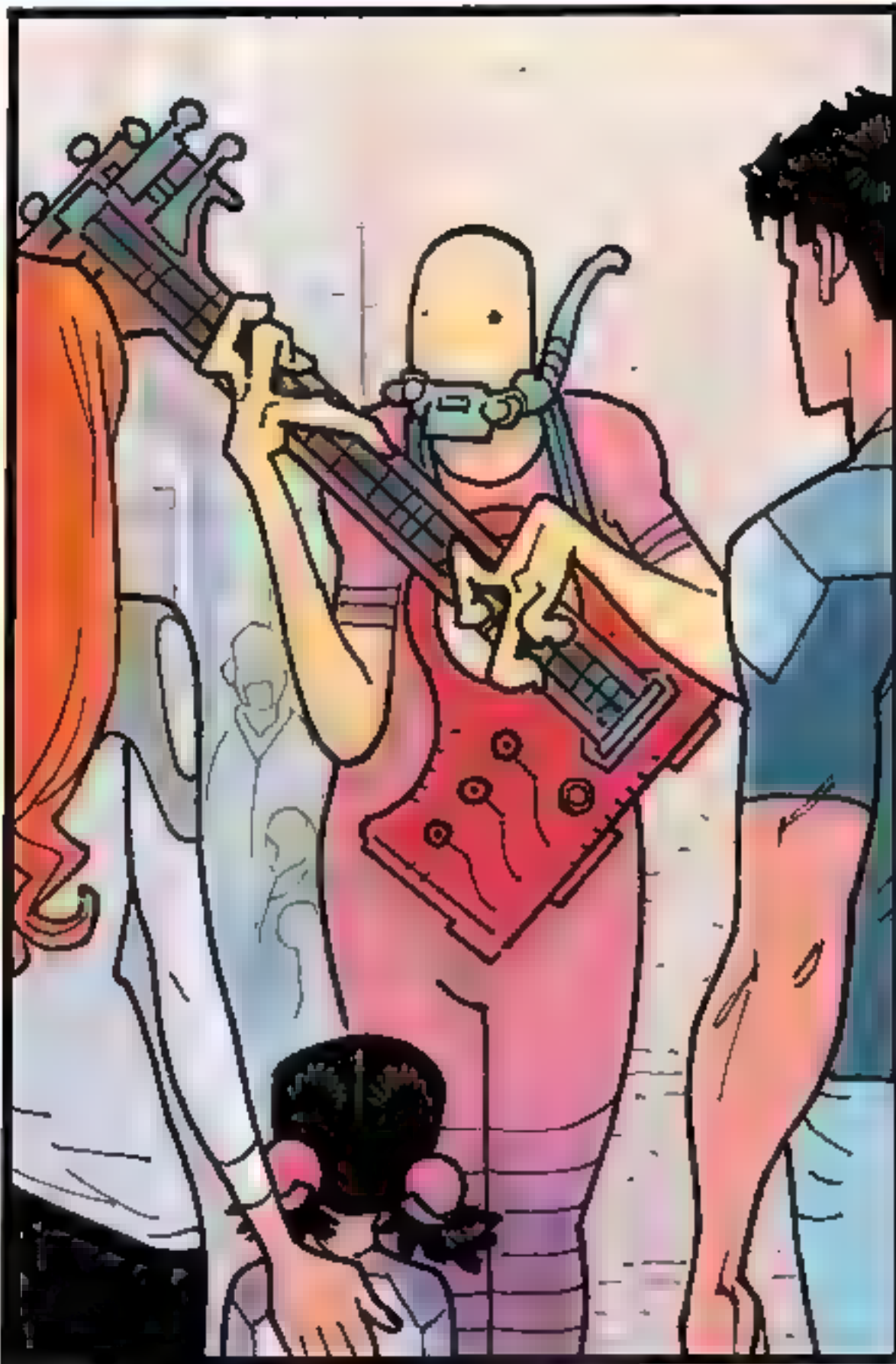
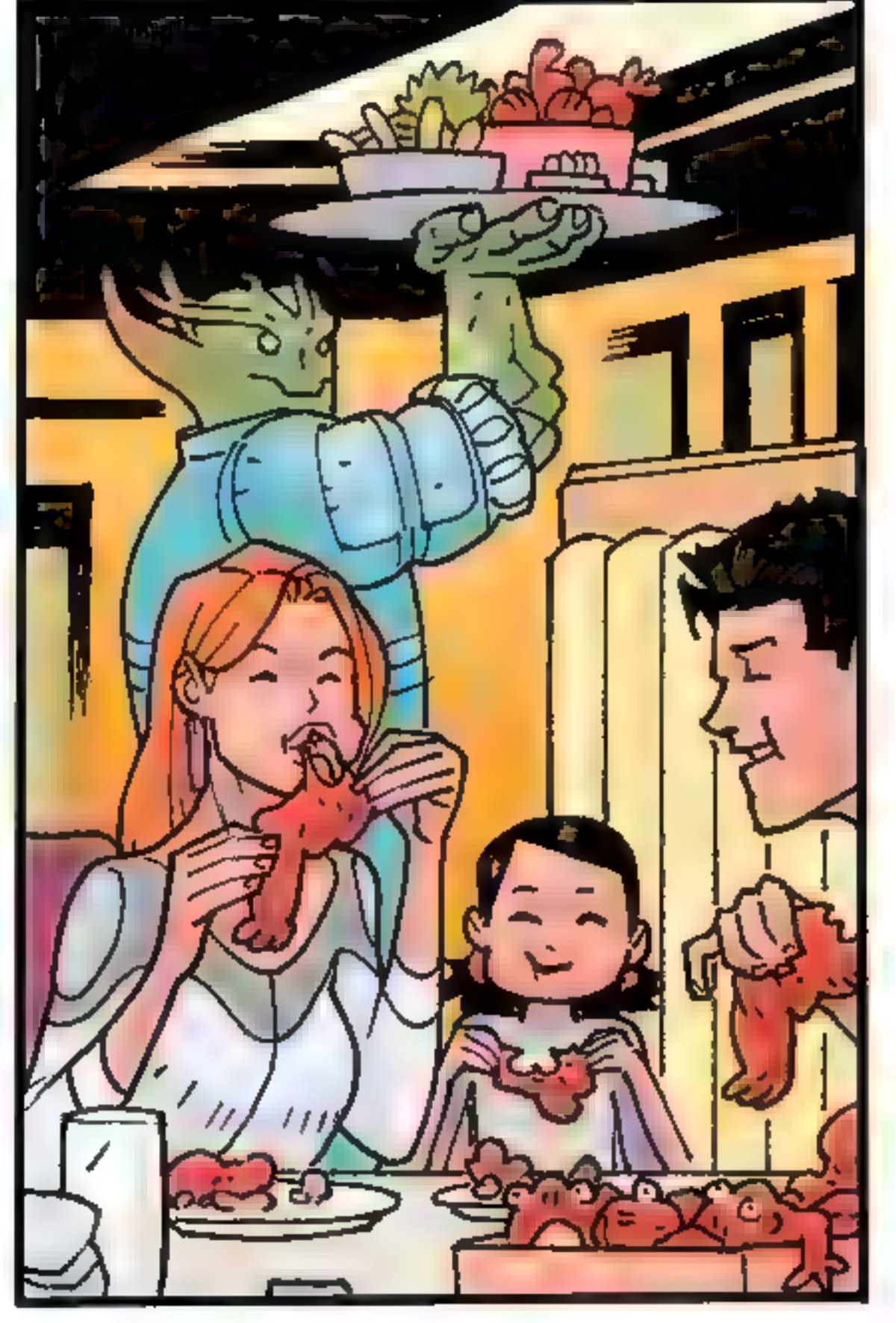
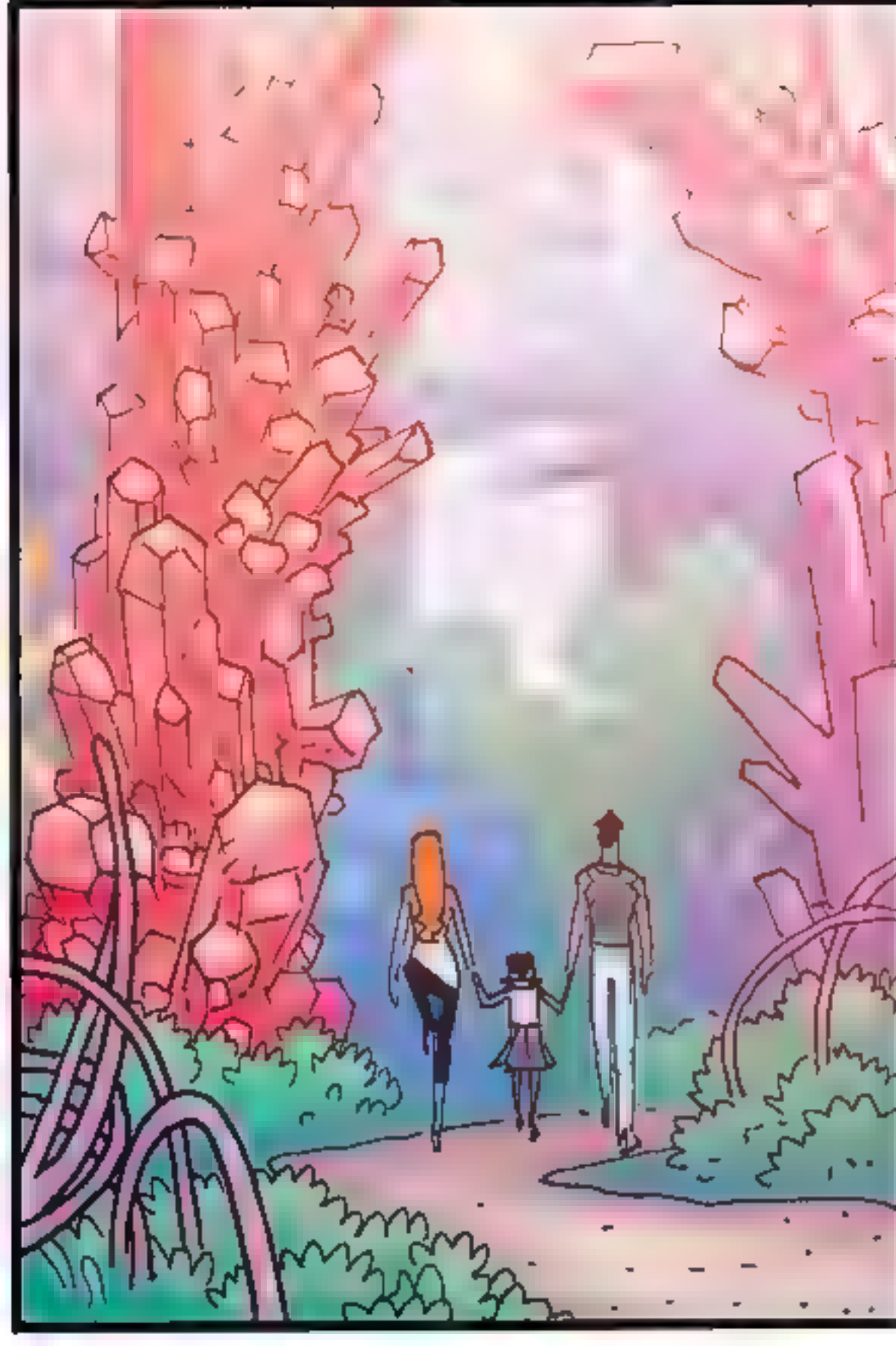
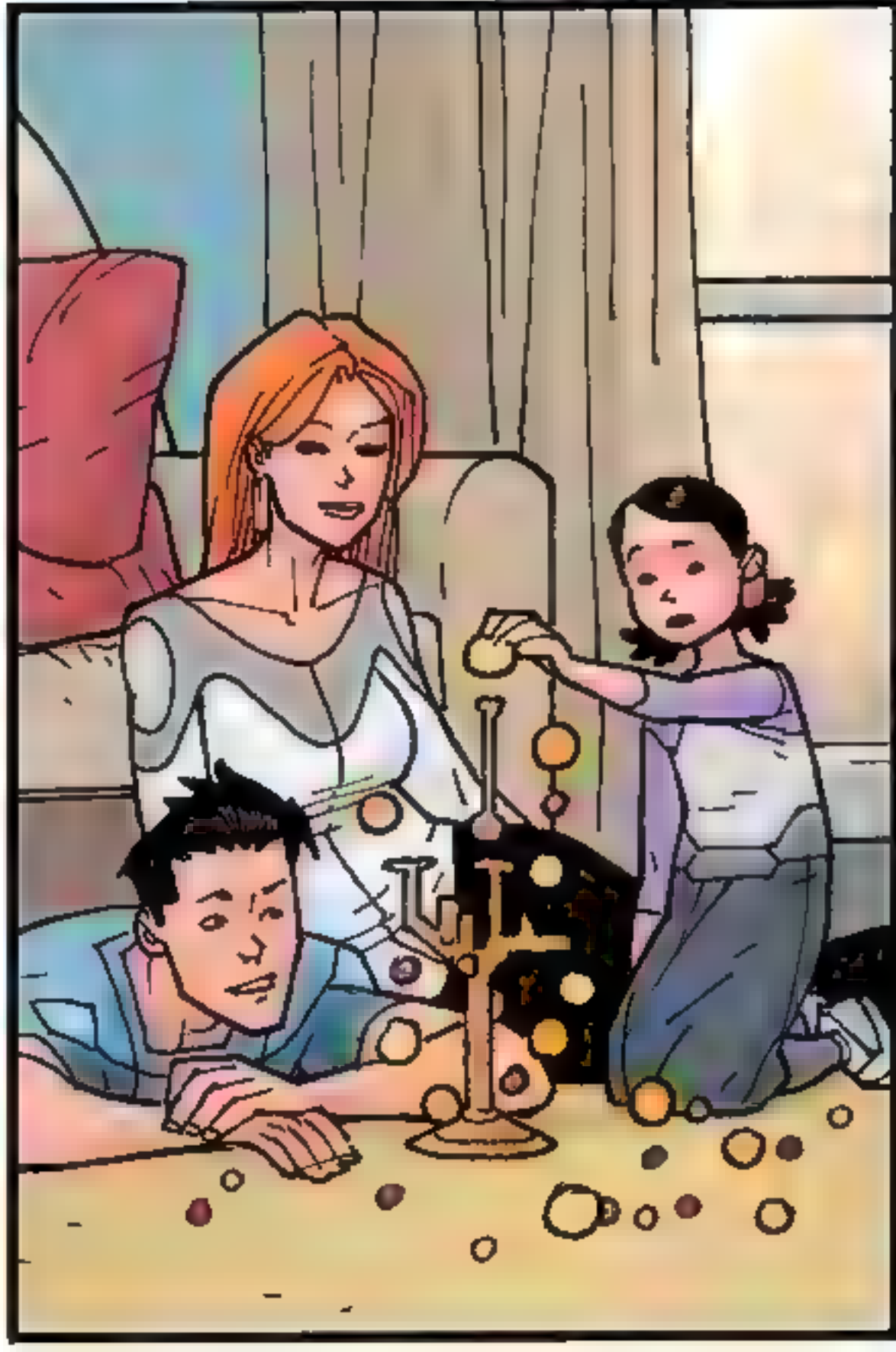
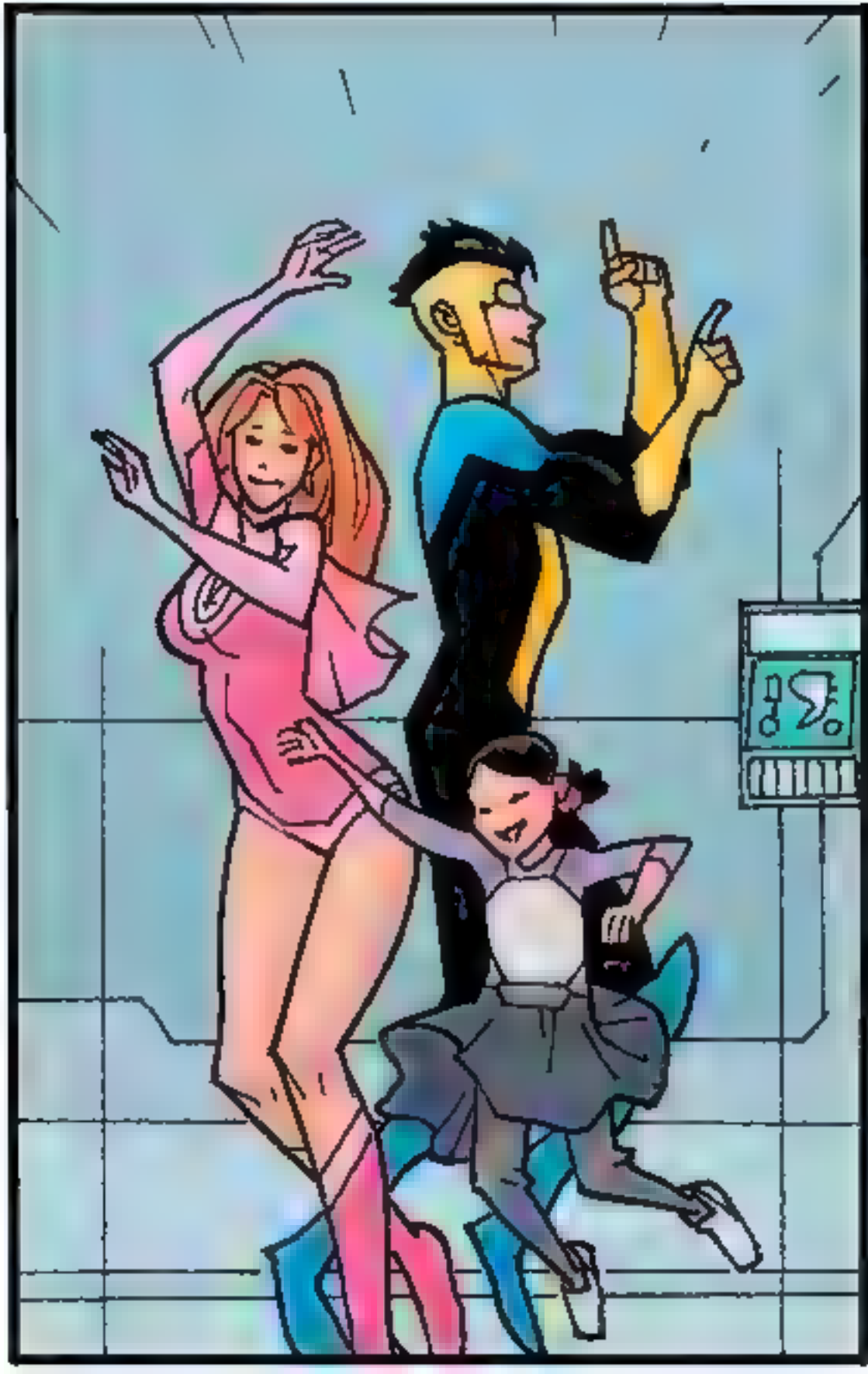
REALLY?











WE NEVER REALLY GOT TO TALK TO HER ABOUT IT. WHAT SHE SAW. SHE WAS THERE WHEN OLIVER WAS... SHE SAW EVERYTHING.

IT HASN'T SEEMED TO AFFECT HER... FOR NOW, AT LEAST. BUT SHE'S GOING TO NEED TO TALK ABOUT IT EVENTUALLY, AND I'M WORRIED THAT WE WON'T BE HERE.

I'VE GOT EVERYTHING COVERED. I CAN HANDLE THIS. TERRA IS **STRONG**. YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

SHE'S GOING TO BE FINE. YOU TWO FOCUS ON KEEPING EACH OTHER SAFE. I'VE GOT THIS COVERED.



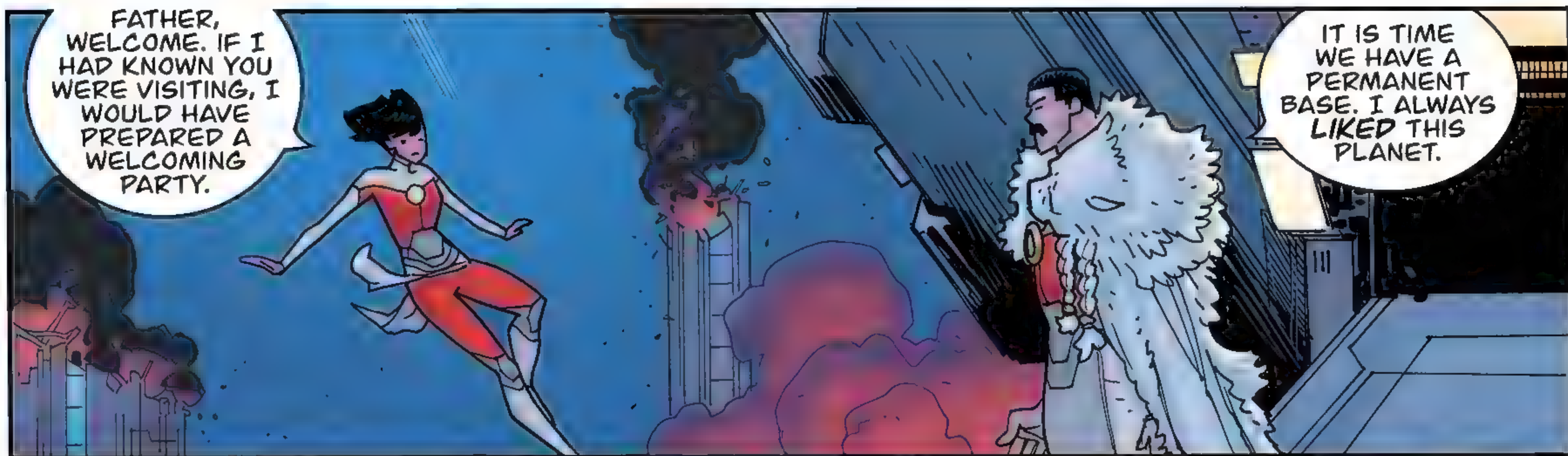




CHAPTER THREE







FATHER, WELCOME. IF I HAD KNOWN YOU WERE VISITING, I WOULD HAVE PREPARED A WELCOMING PARTY.

IT IS TIME WE HAVE A PERMANENT BASE. I ALWAYS LIKED THIS PLANET.



HOW ARE THINGS PROGRESSING?

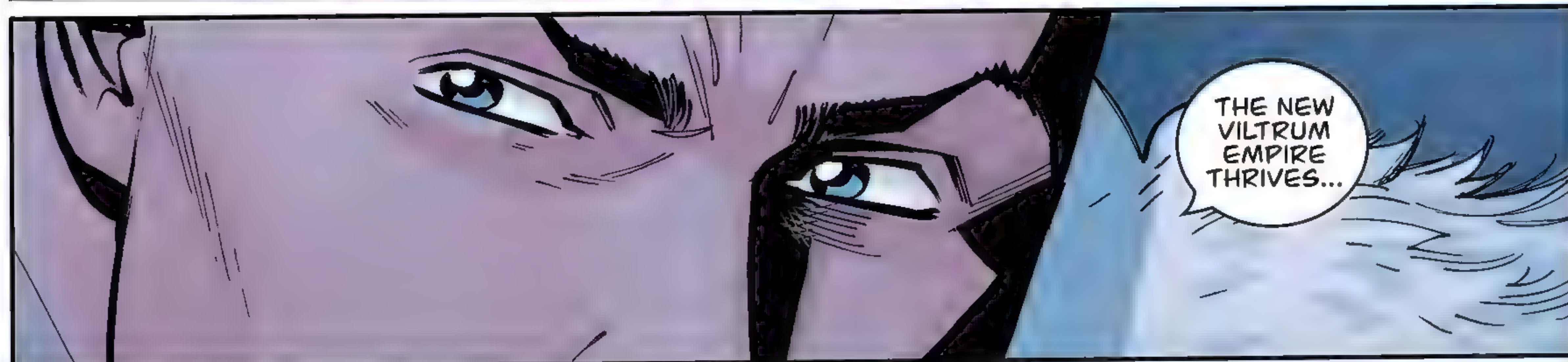
THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN DISMANTLED, AND ALL CONTACT WITH THE COALITION OF PLANETS HAS CEASED.

IT'S TAKEN LONGER THAN WE ANTICIPATED, BUT THERE'S LITTLE MORE THAN DISCONNECTED TEAMS OF REBELS LEFT IN THE RESISTANCE.

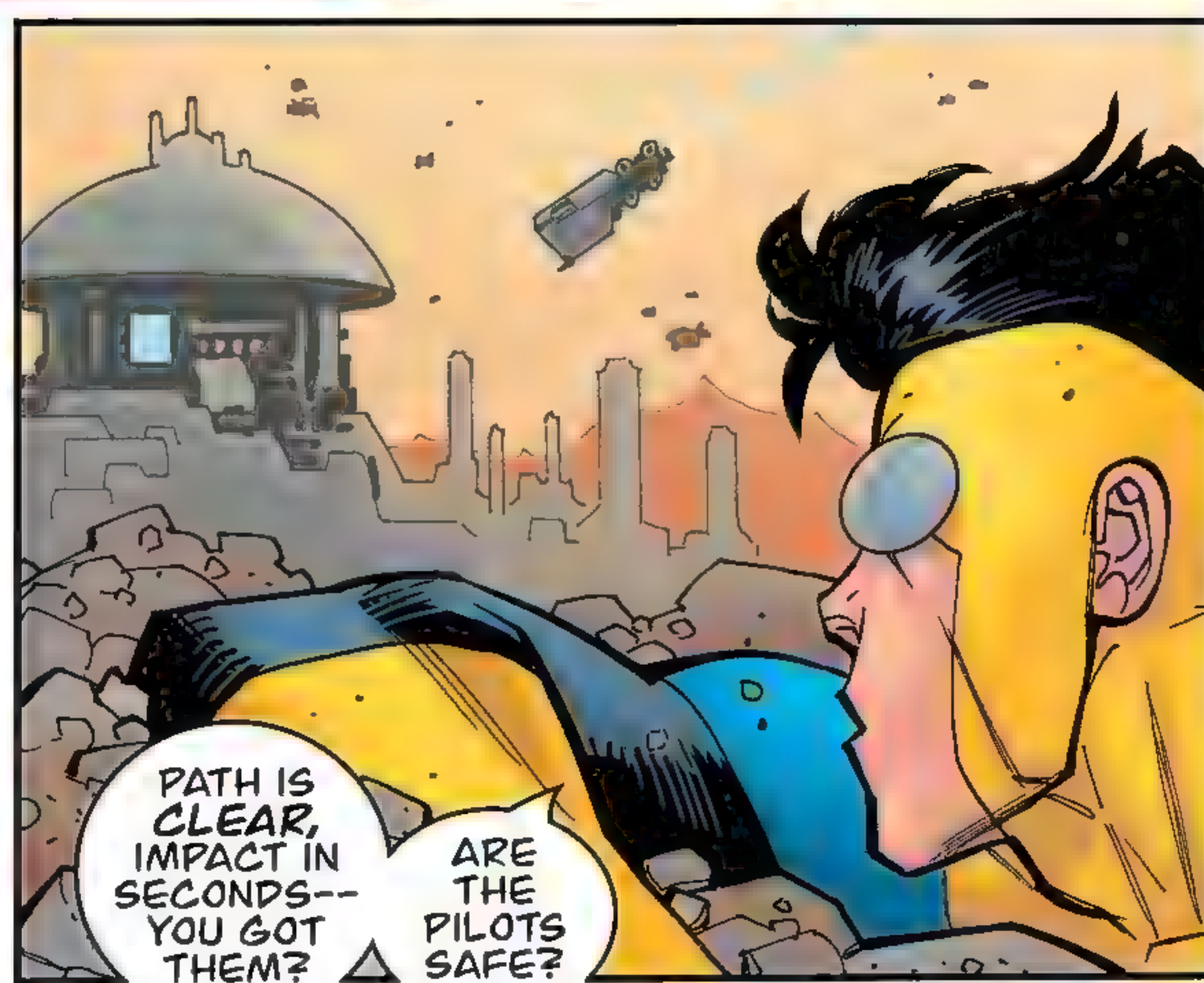
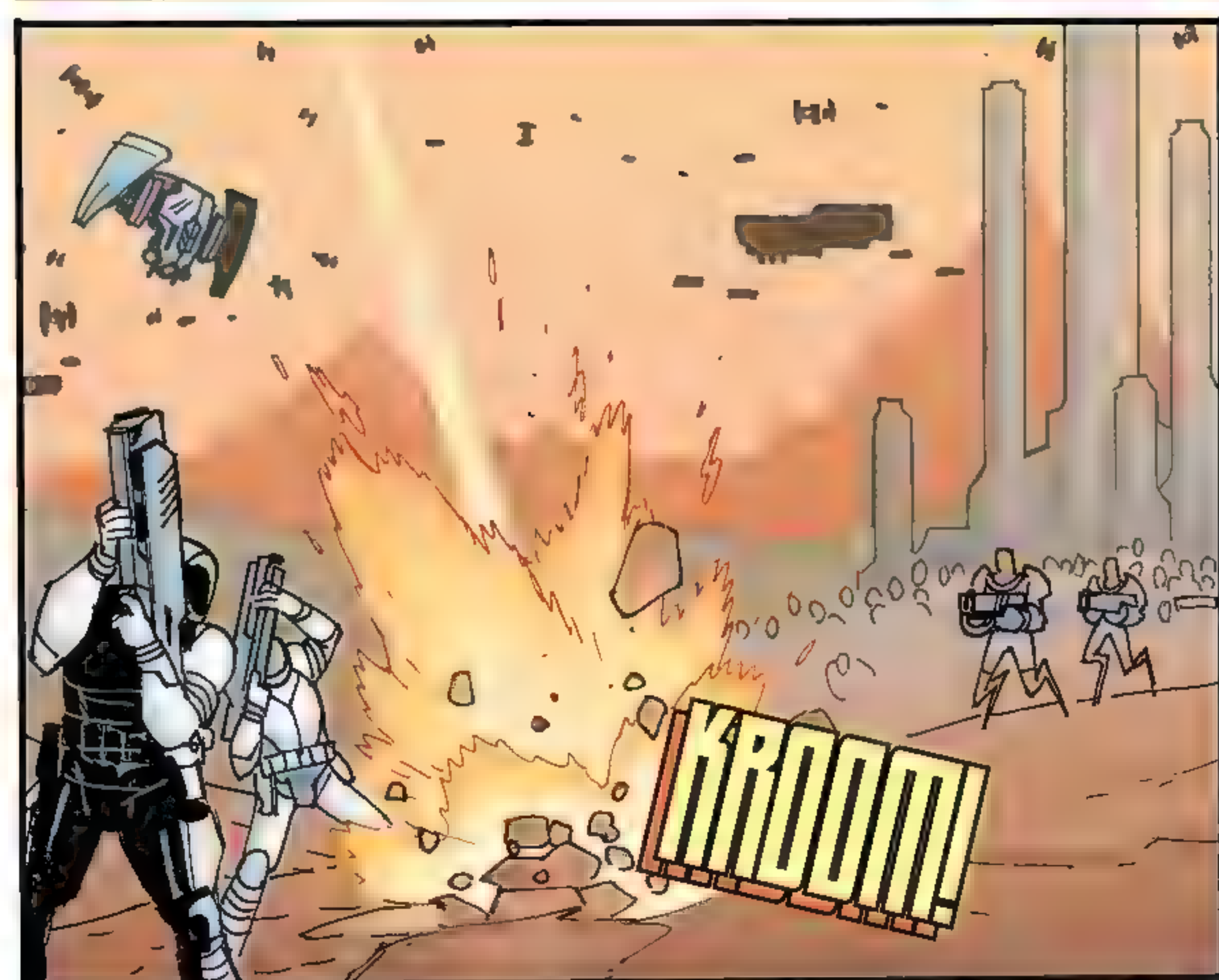
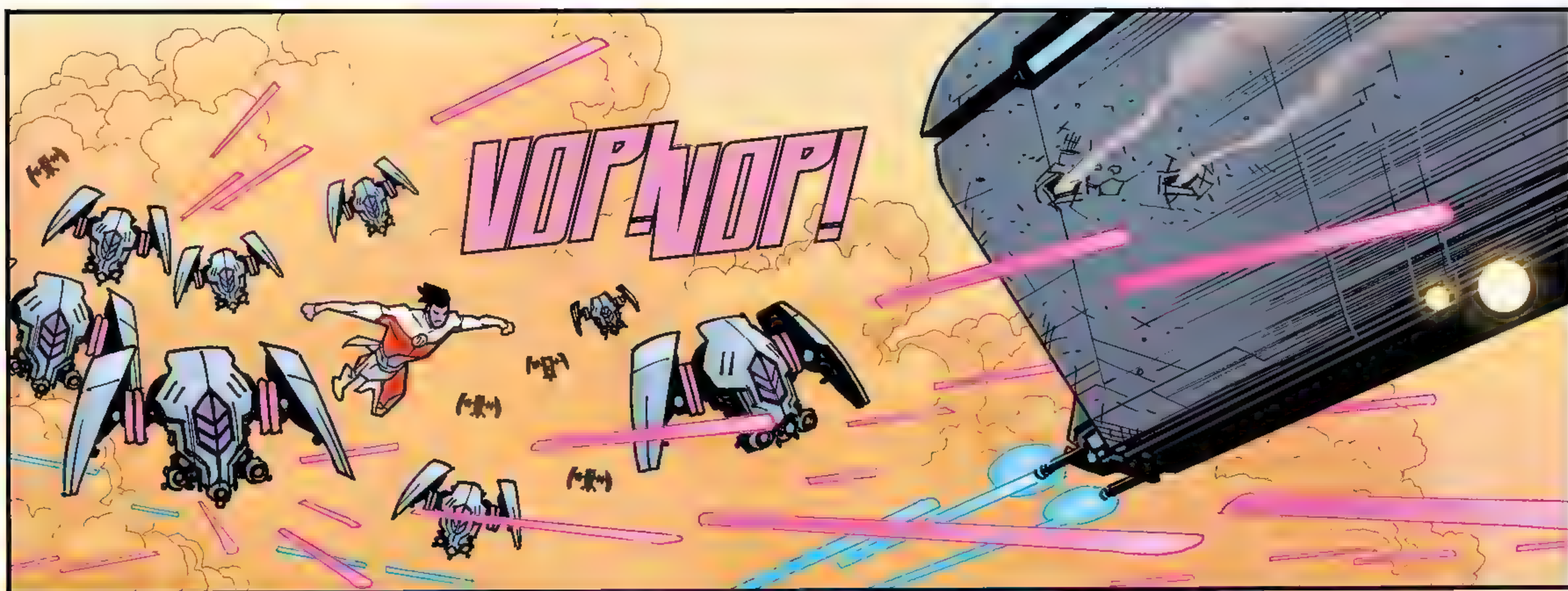
THEIR LEADERS HAVE BEEN BROKEN.

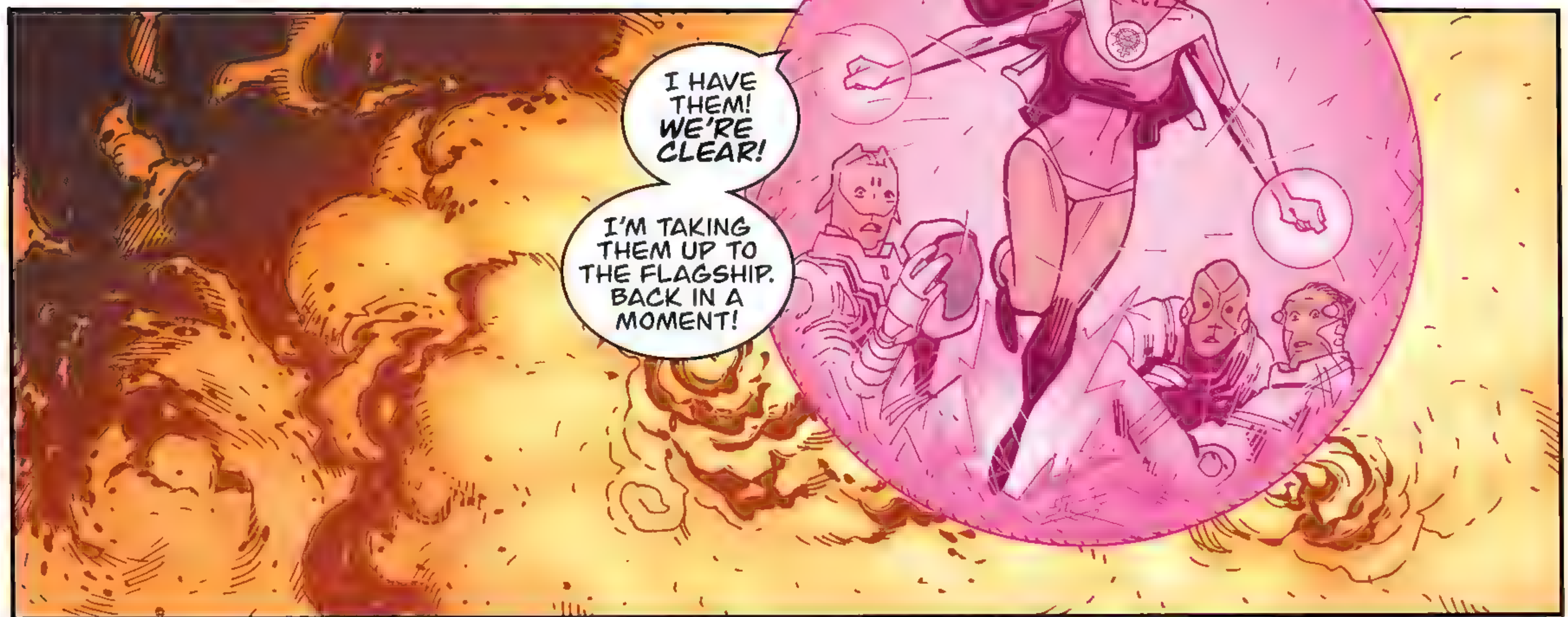


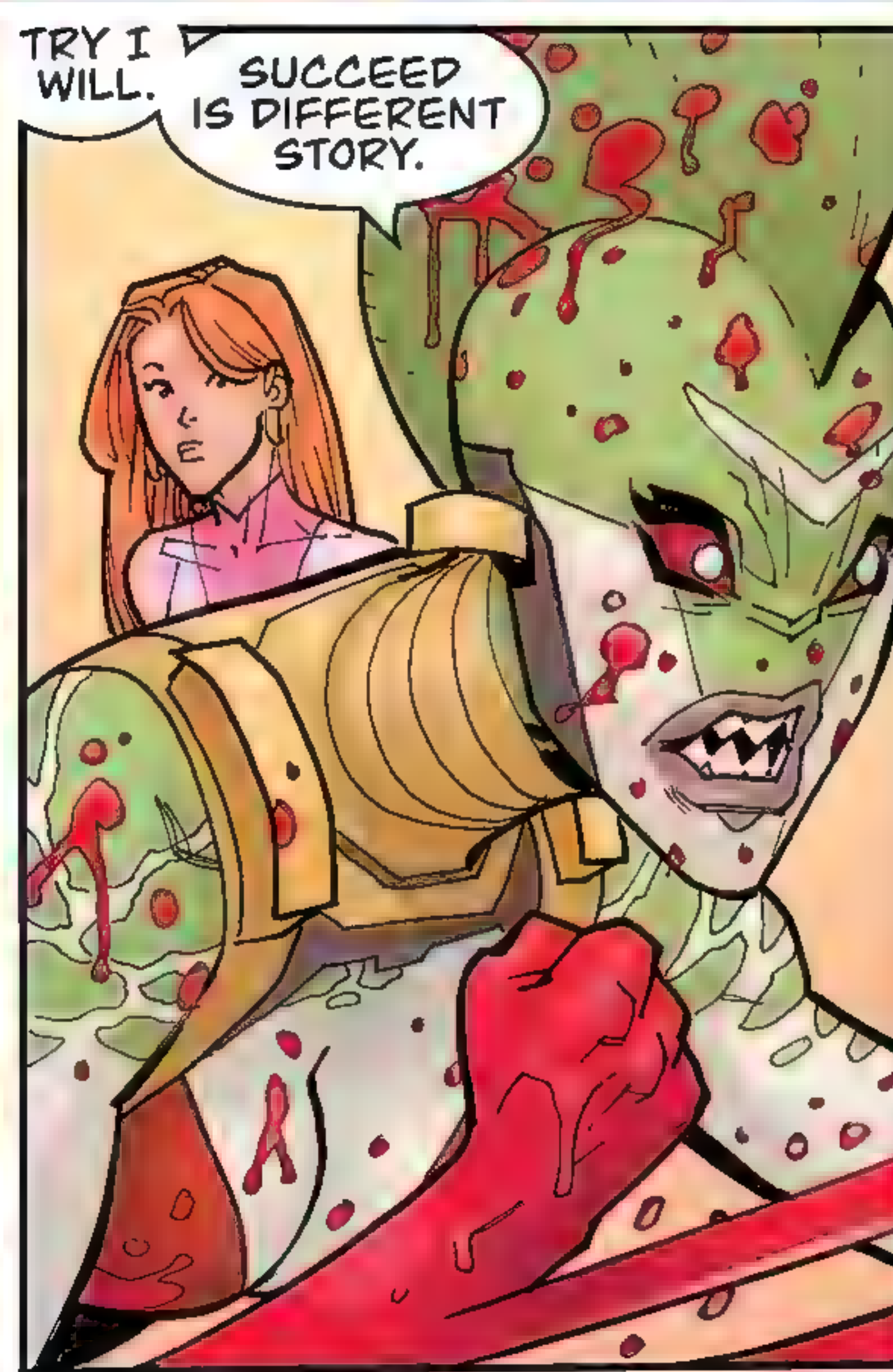
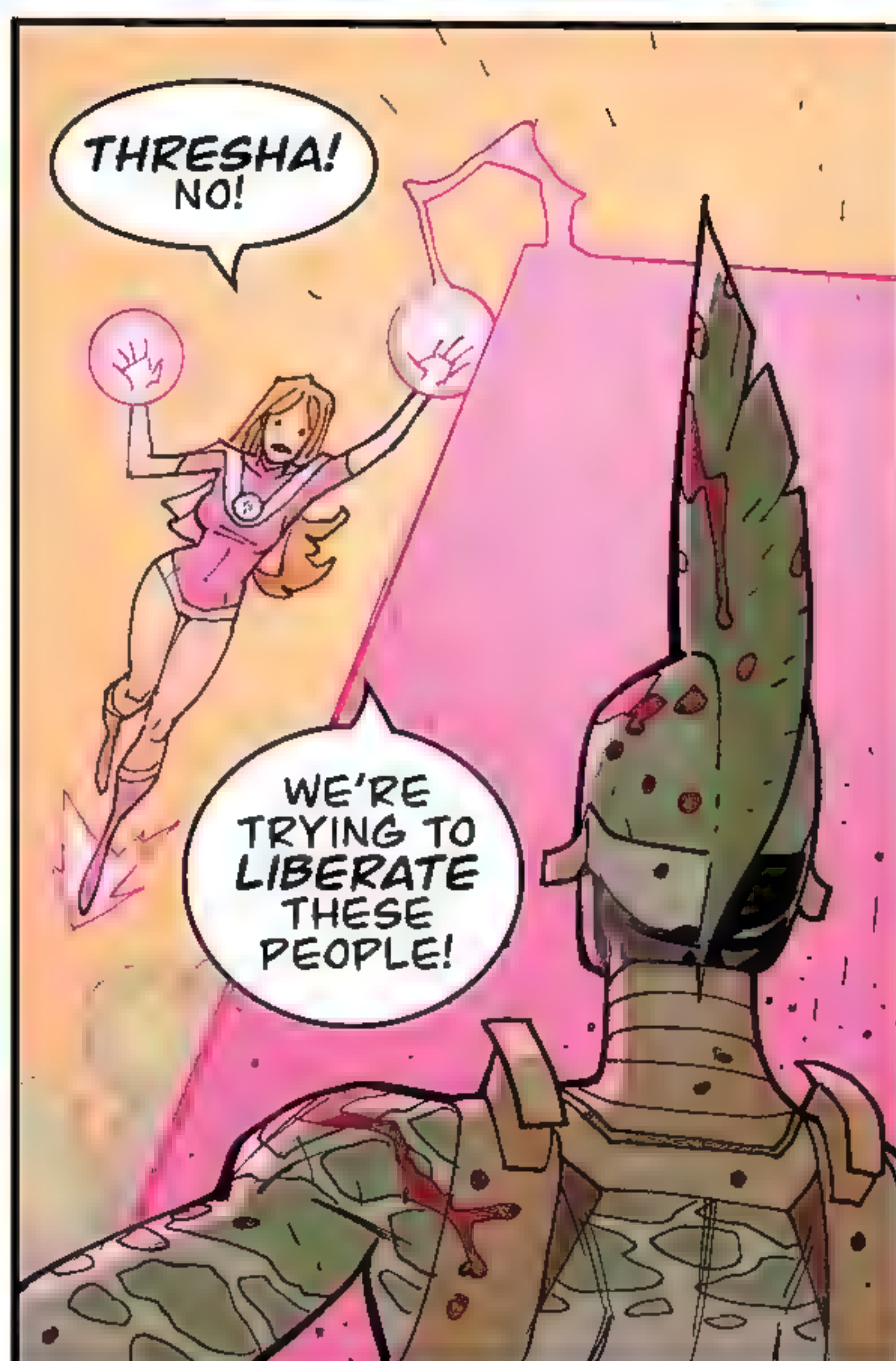
EXCELLENT.



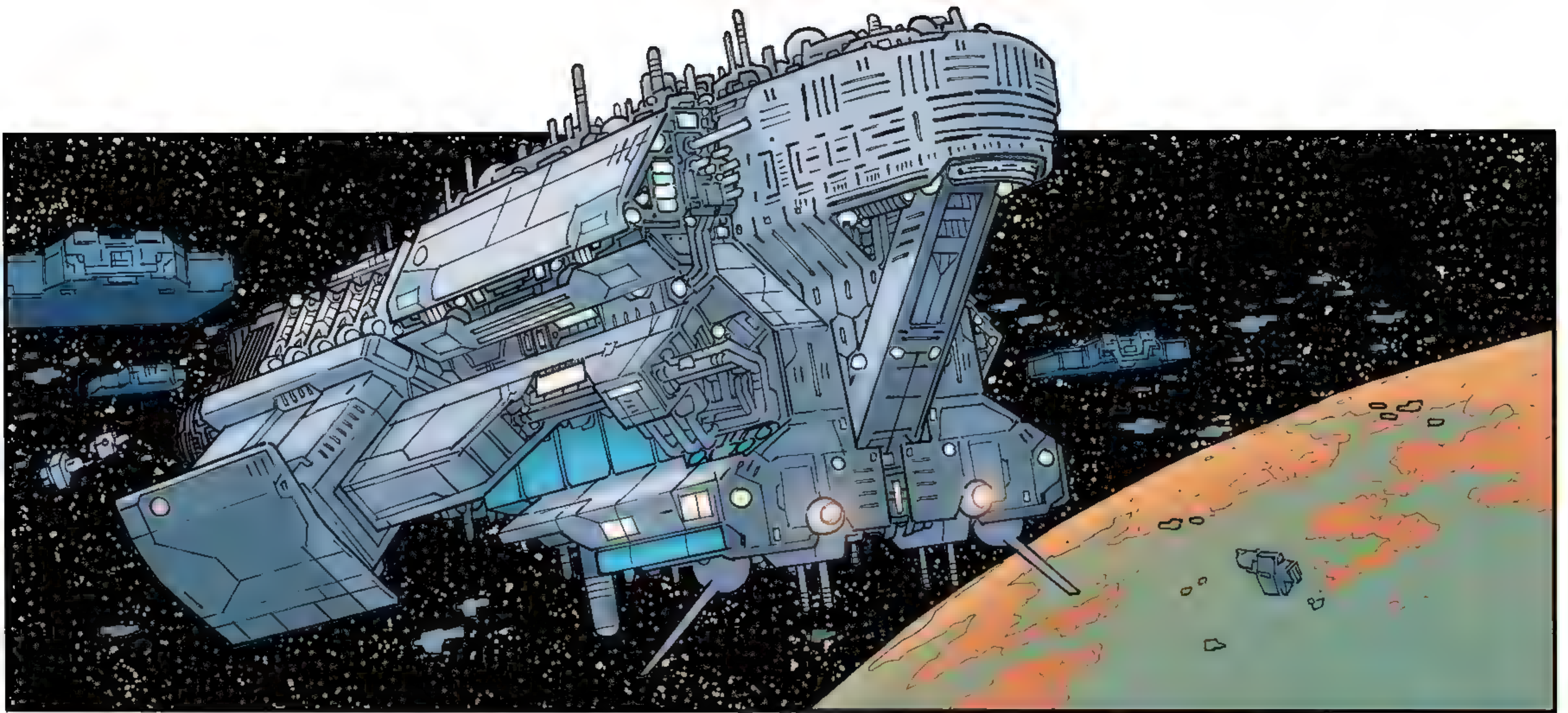
THE NEW VILTRUM EMPIRE THRIVES...

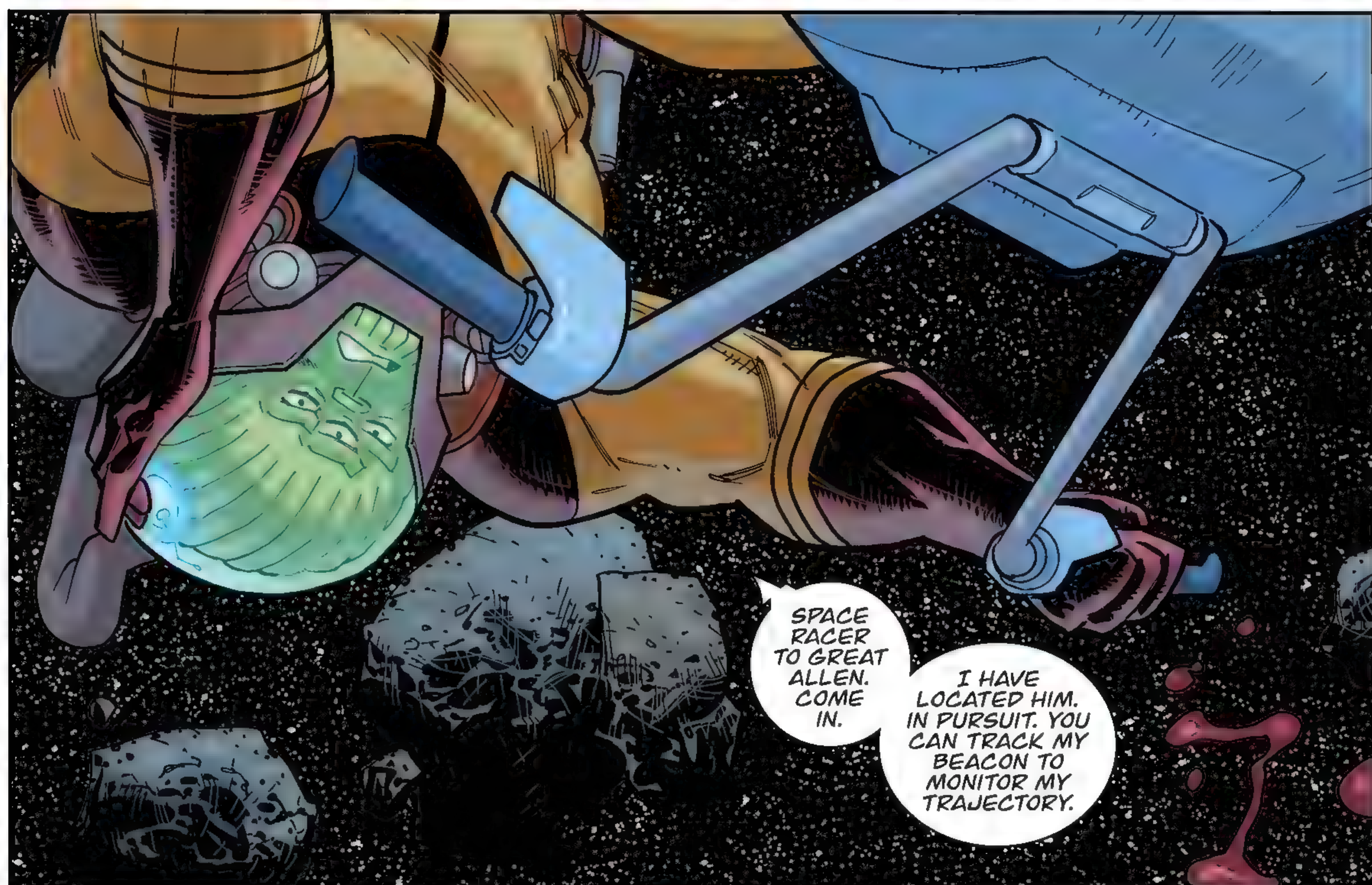


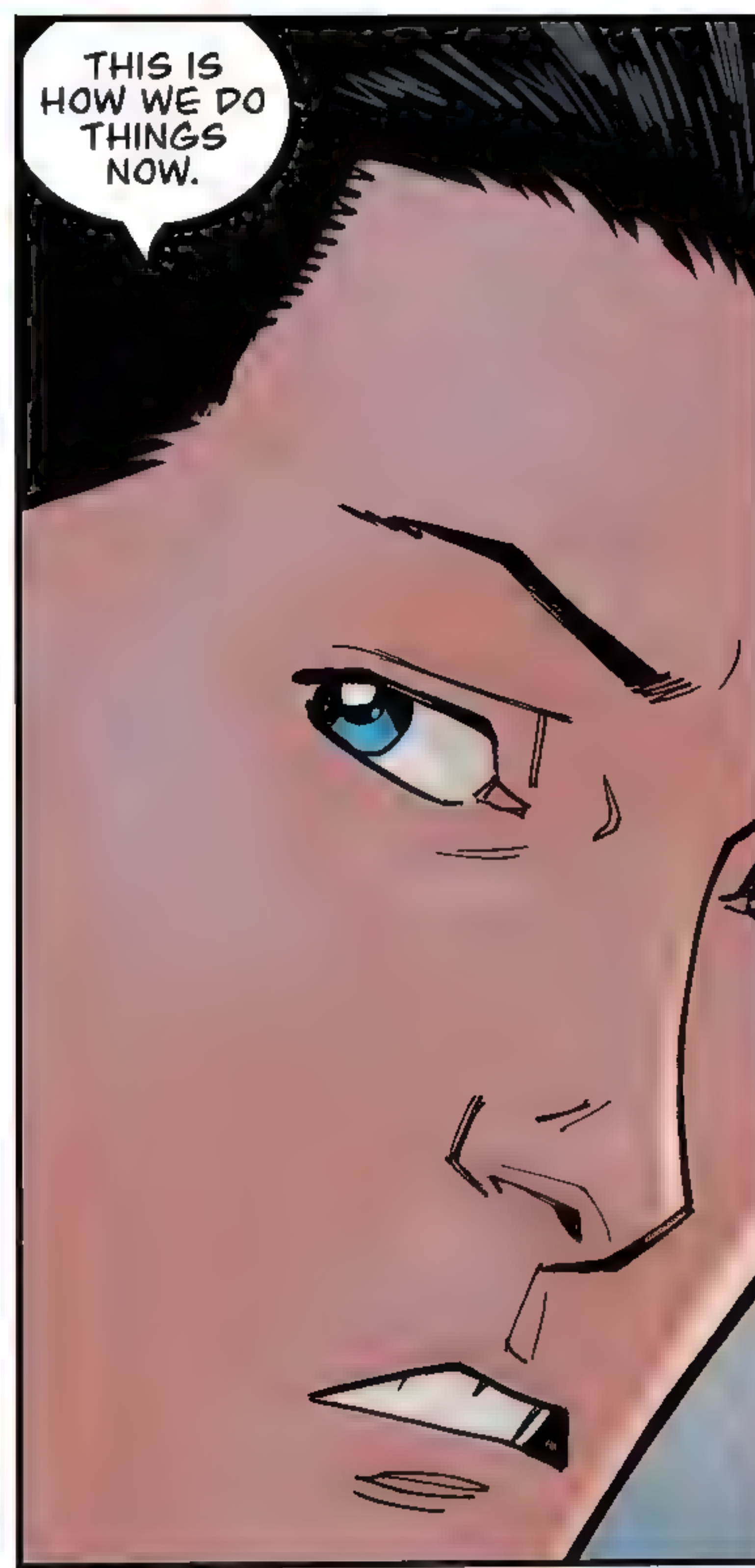
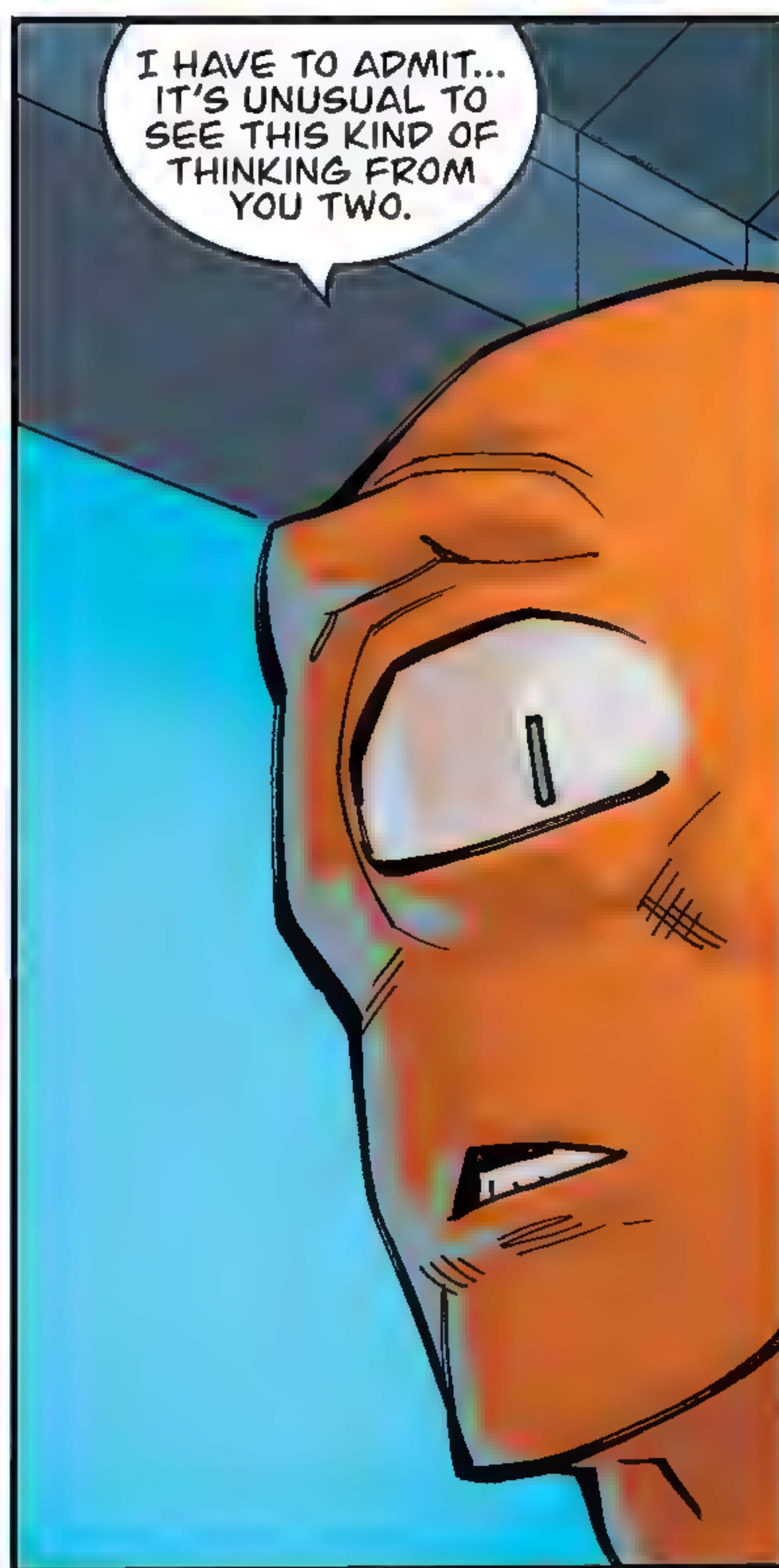
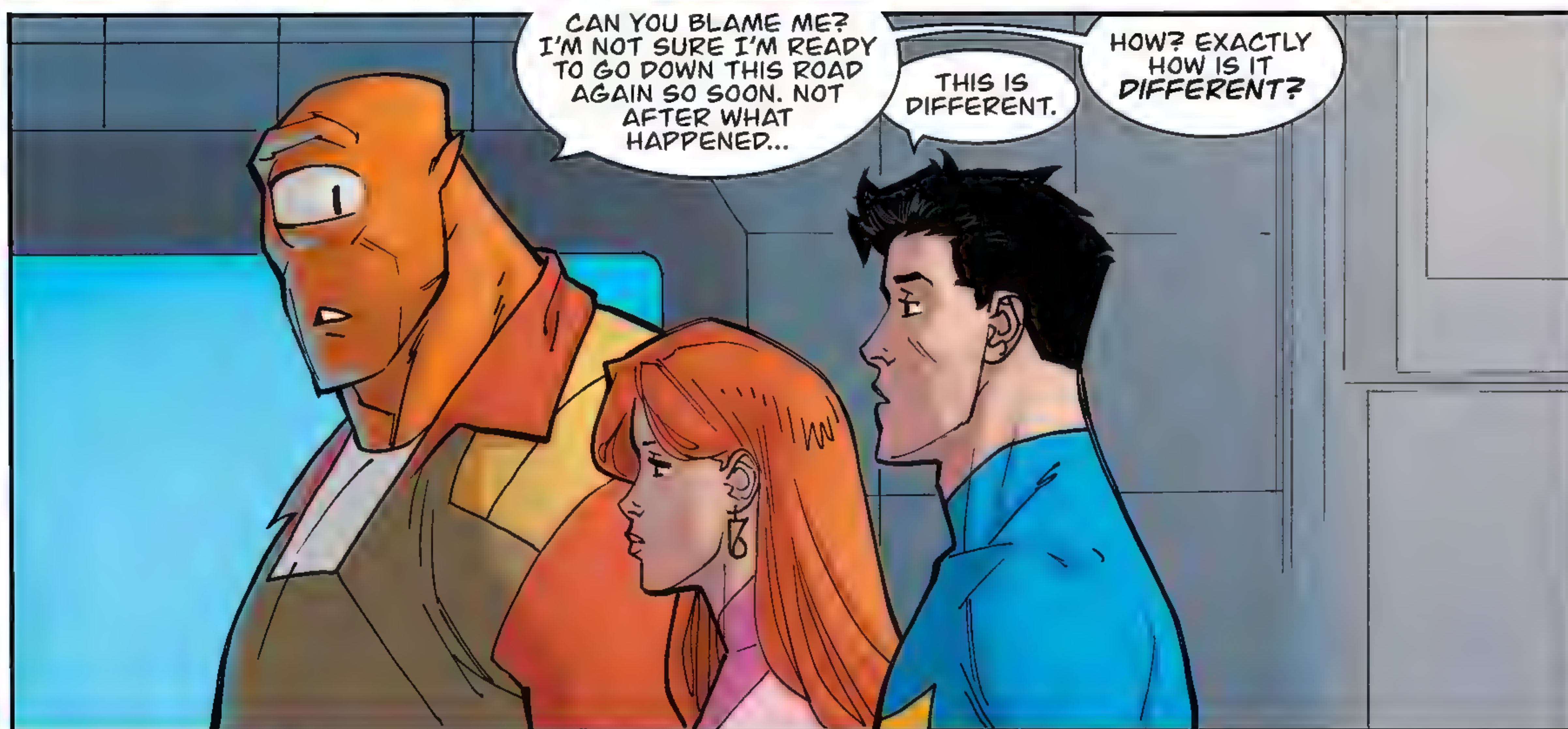


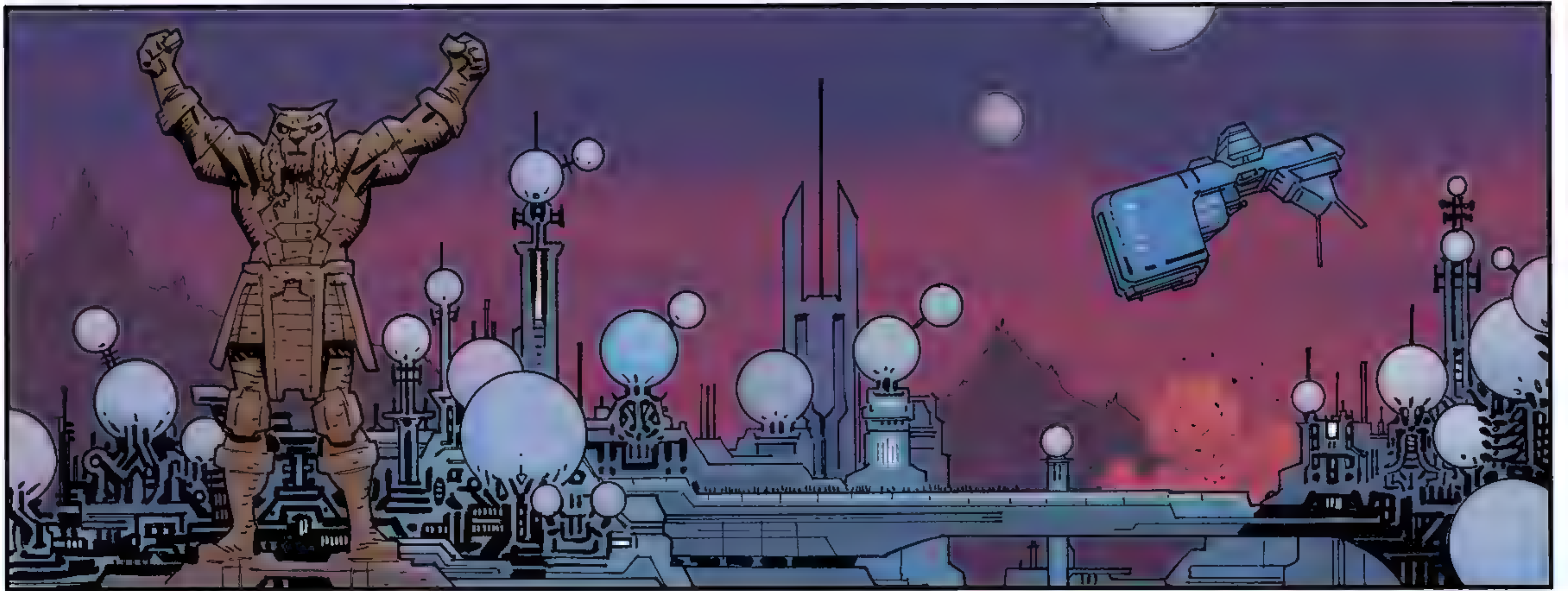


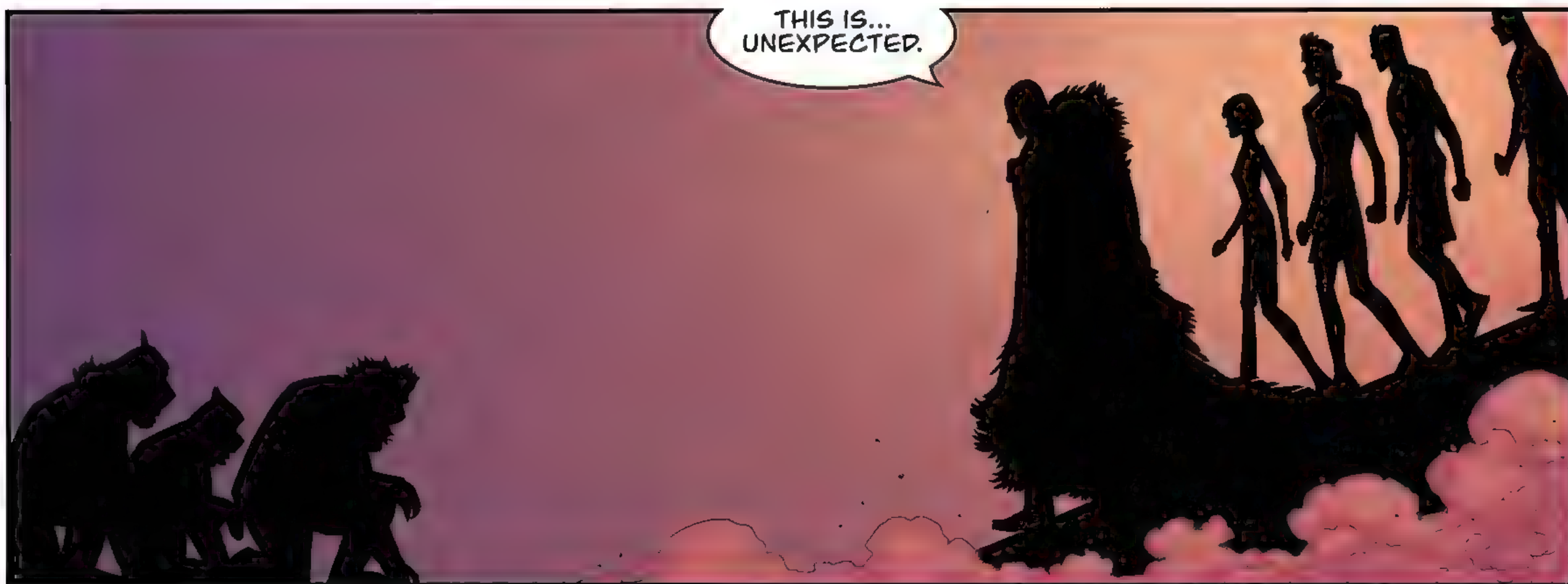












THIS IS...
UNEXPECTED.



KING WROKK!
HAVE YOU
LOST YOUR
MIND?!

THIS MAN
SEEKS TO
ENSLAVE US AND
UNDO ALL THAT
BATTLE BEAST HAD
ACCOMPLISHED
FOR OUR GREAT
PEOPLE.

THIS IS
MADNESS!



AMBASSADOR
MOKK! IT IS YOU
WHO HAVE LOST
YOUR MIND!

END
HIM!



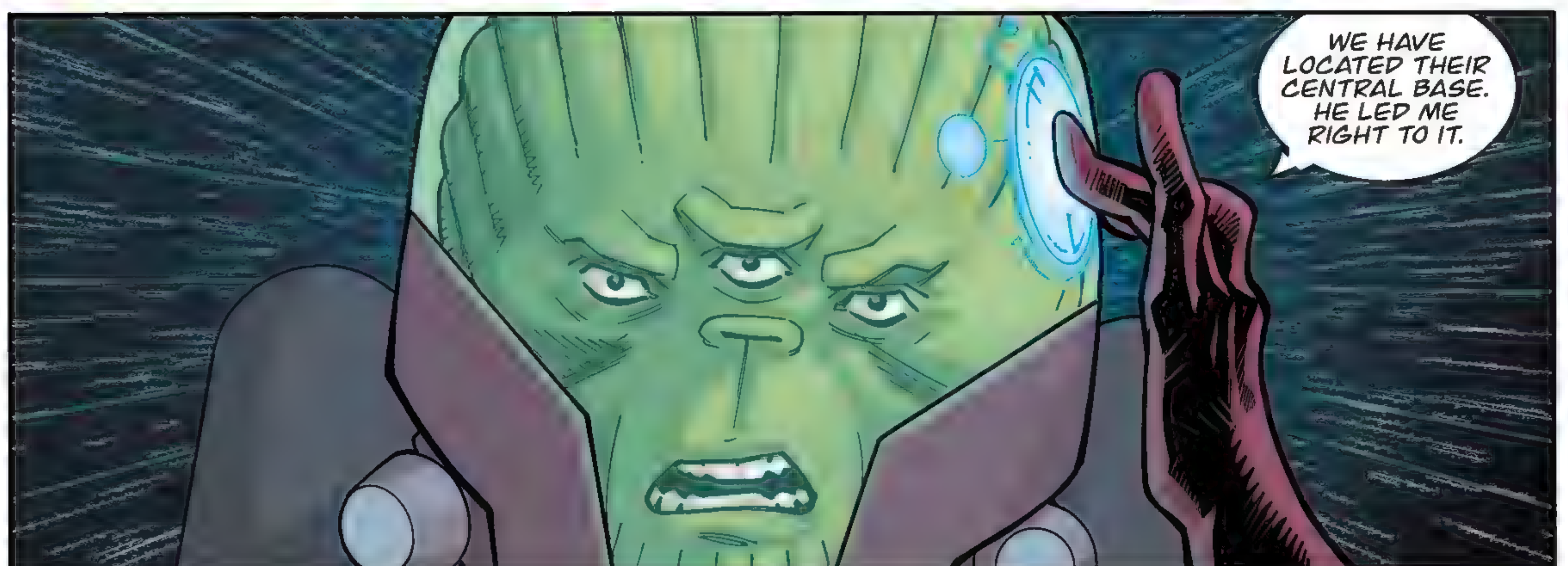
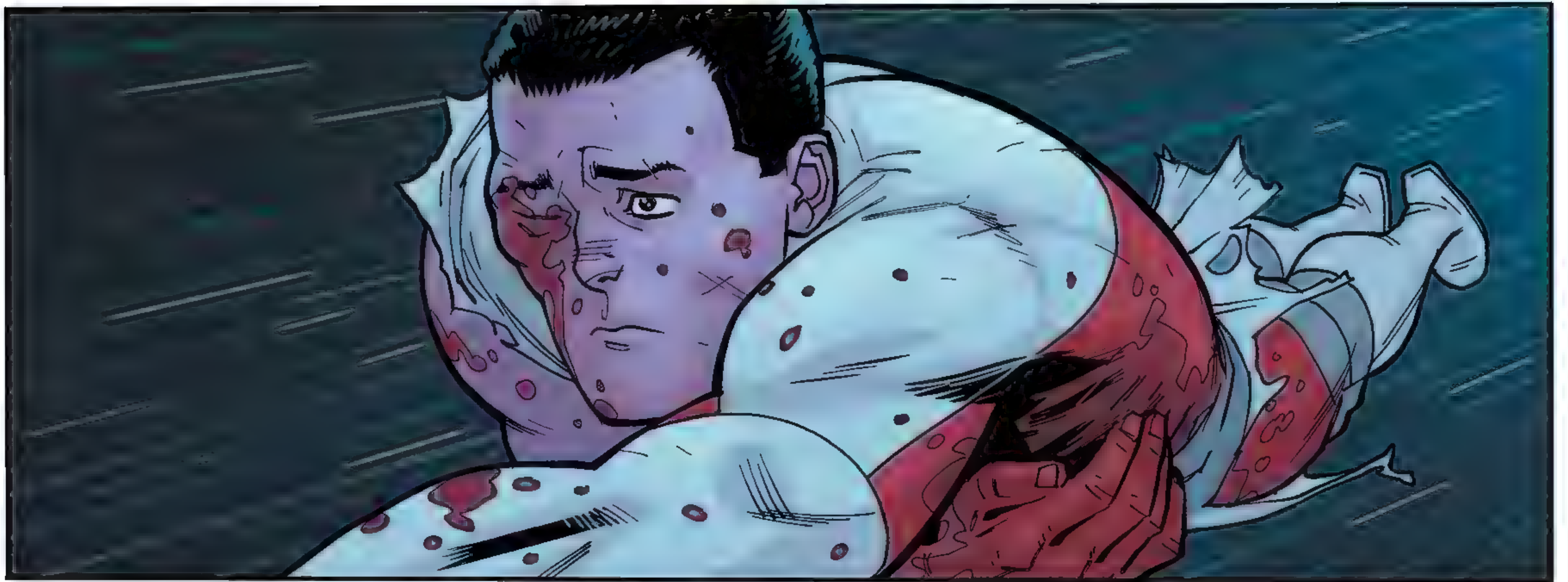
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WAIT--

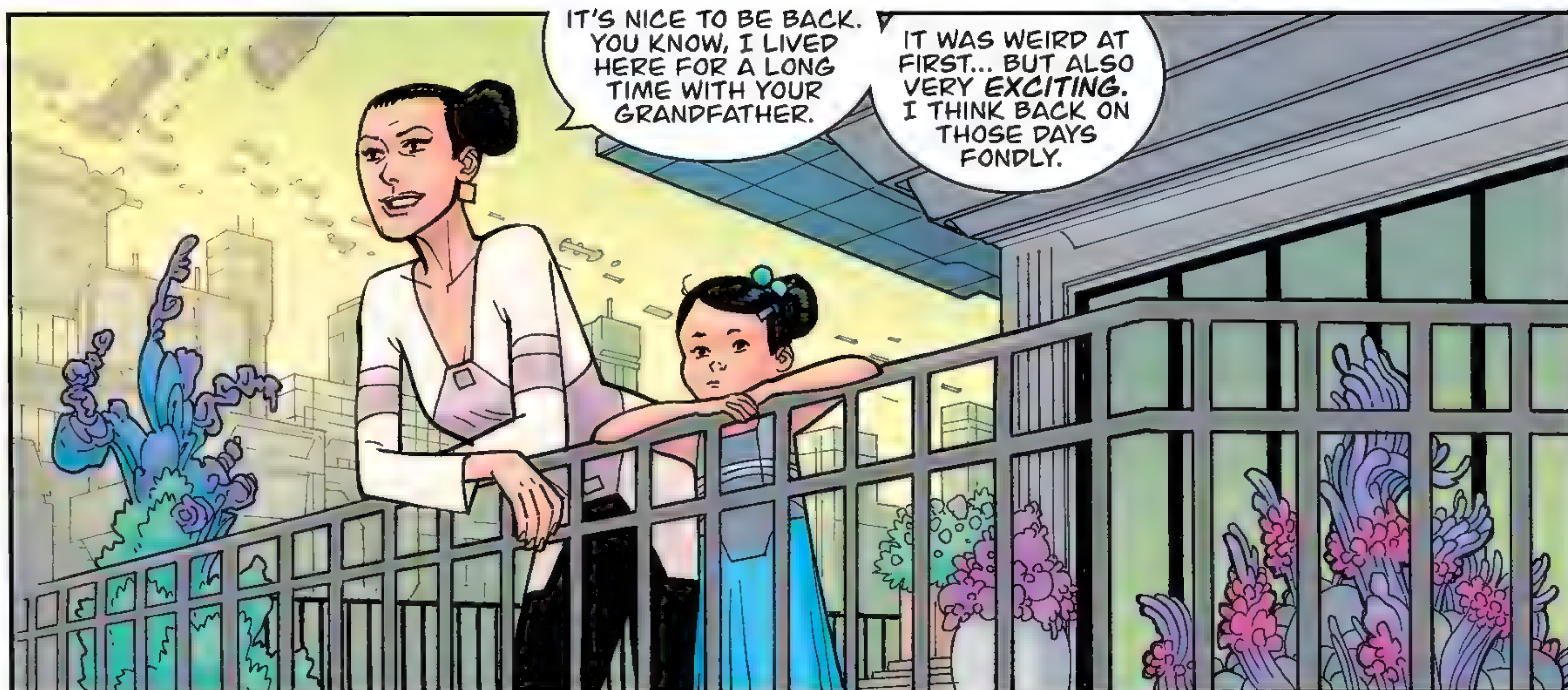
SHUK!



THIS WAS FAR EASIER THAN I'D
IMAGINED. ESTABLISH A BASE,
ASSIGN OFFICERS TO MAINTAIN
IT, AND LET'S RETURN TO
CENTRAL COMMAND
IMMEDIATELY.

YES,
FATHER.





IT'S NICE TO BE BACK.
YOU KNOW, I LIVED
HERE FOR A LONG
TIME WITH YOUR
GRANDFATHER.

IT WAS WEIRD AT
FIRST... BUT ALSO
VERY EXCITING.
I THINK BACK ON
THOSE DAYS
FONDLY.



I'M SCARED.
MY DADDY
JUST GOT
HOME.

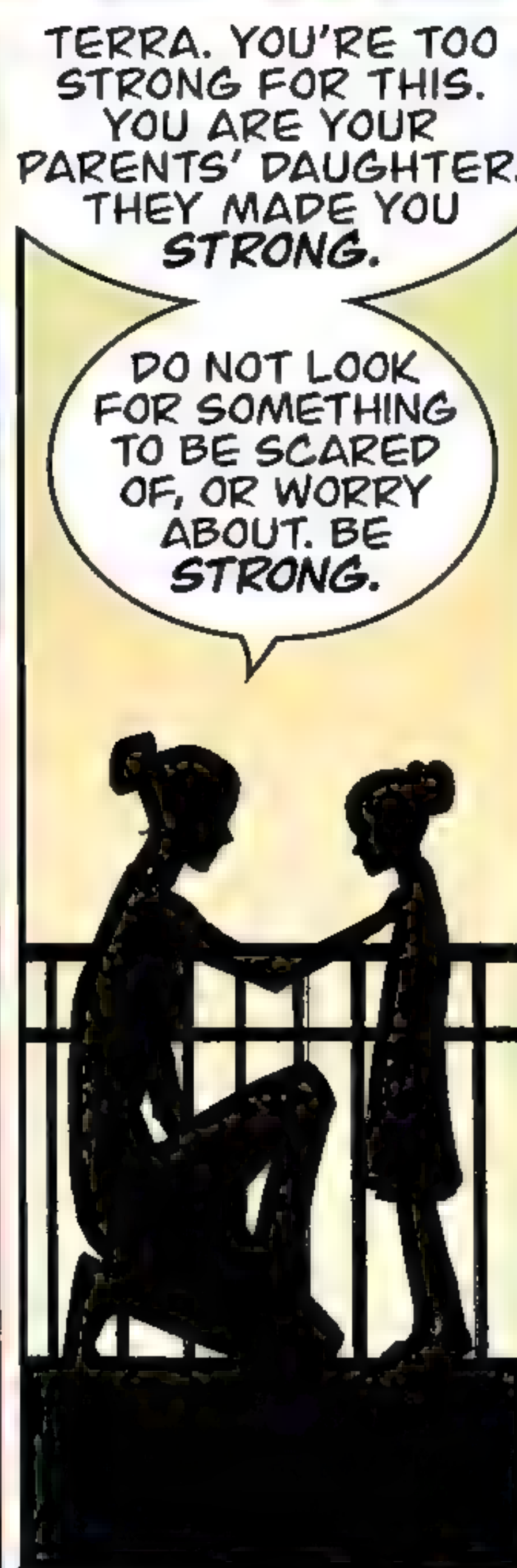
I'M
WORRIED
I'LL
FORGET
HIM
AGAIN...



OH, HONEY. THIS
IS A DIFFERENT
THING. WE KNOW
WHERE THEY ARE.
THEY'RE WITH
YOUR PAPA, OUT
IN SPACE...
FIGHTING BAD
GUYS.



COULD THEY
GET HURT
FIGHTING?

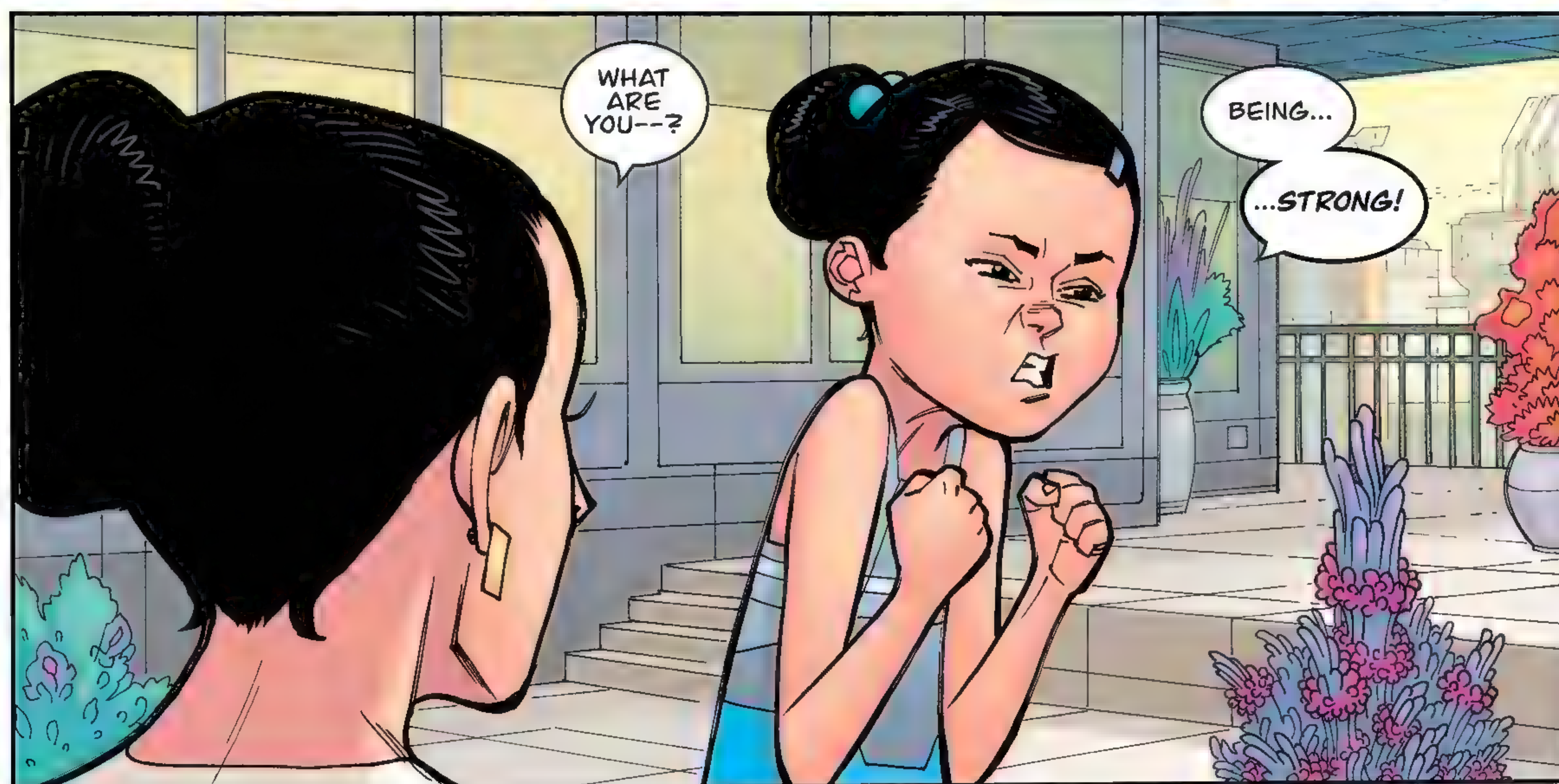


TERRA, YOU'RE TOO
STRONG FOR THIS.
YOU ARE YOUR
PARENTS' DAUGHTER.
THEY MADE YOU
STRONG.

DO NOT LOOK
FOR SOMETHING
TO BE SCARED
OF, OR WORRY
ABOUT. BE
STRONG.



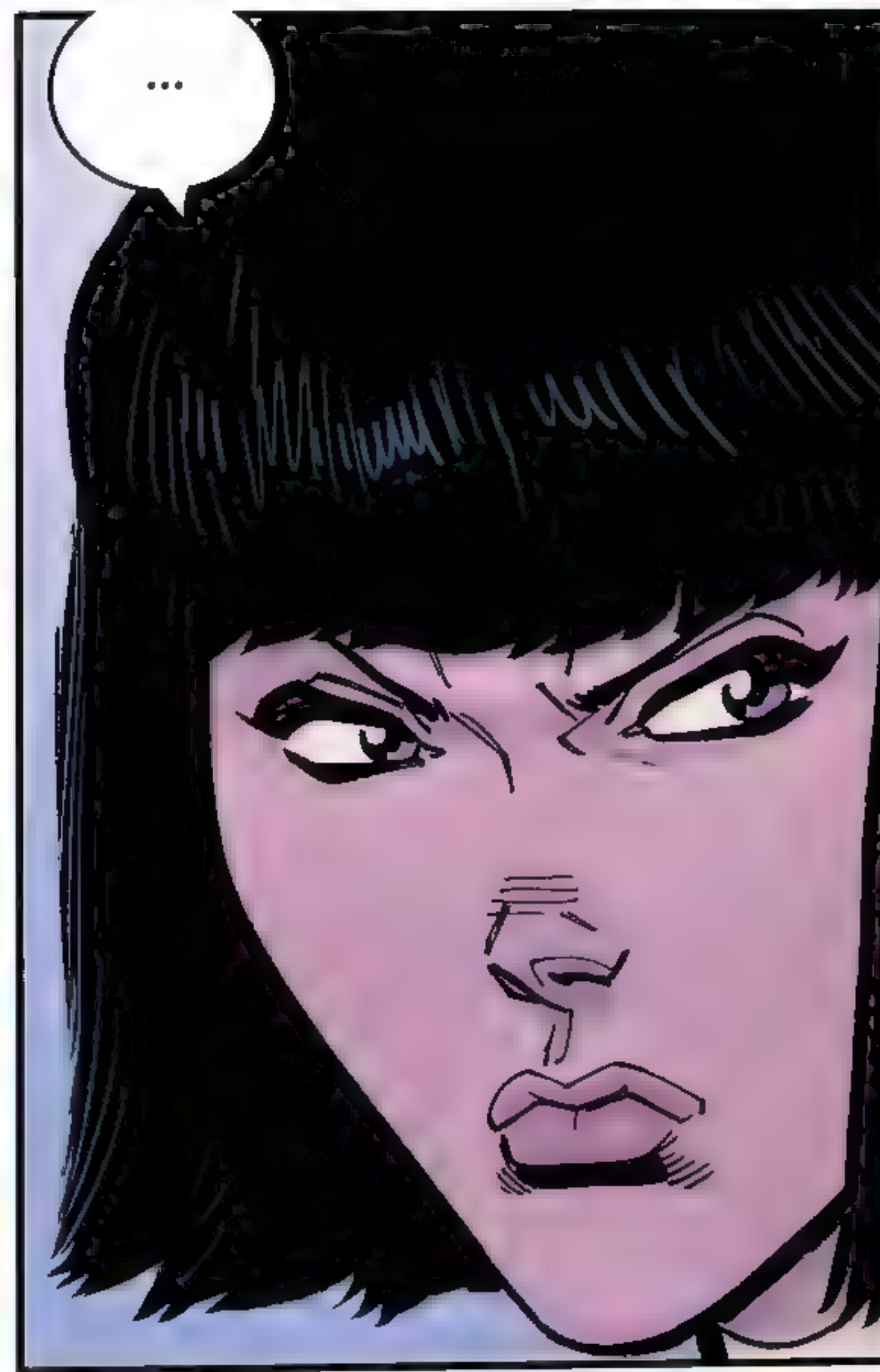
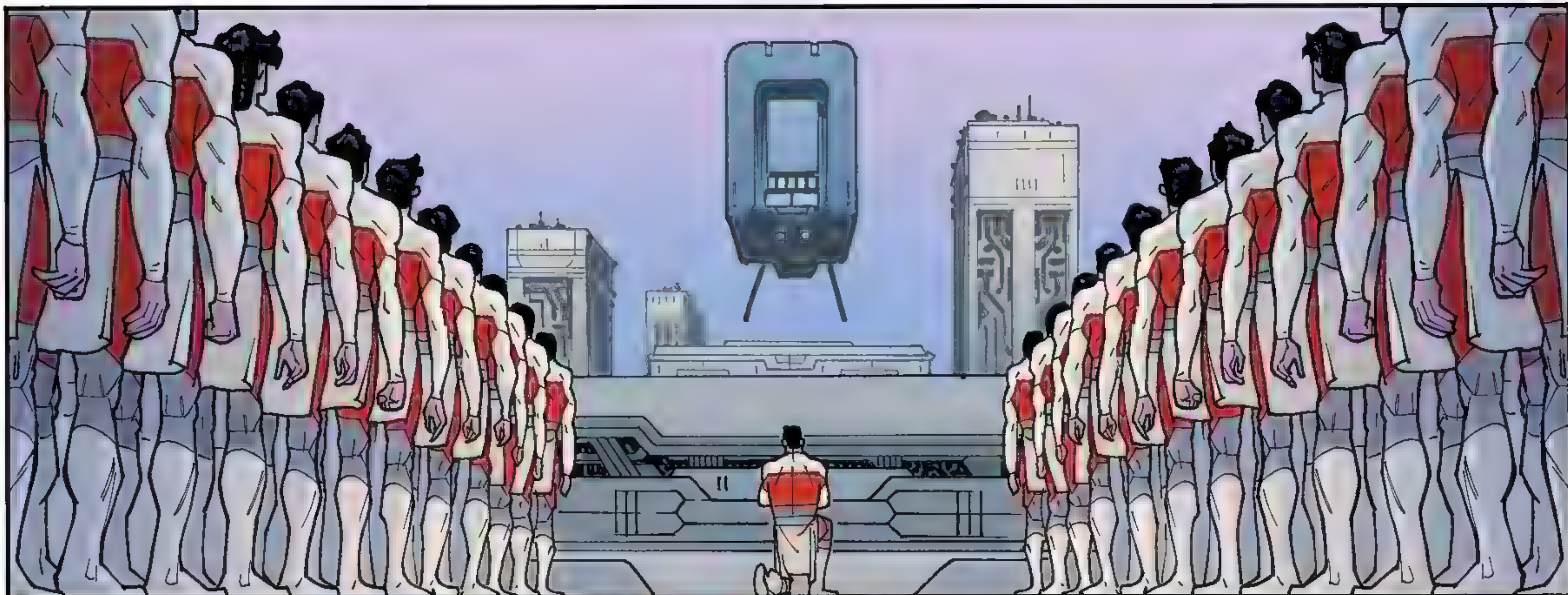
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WHAT
ARE
YOU--?

BEING...

...**STRONG!**







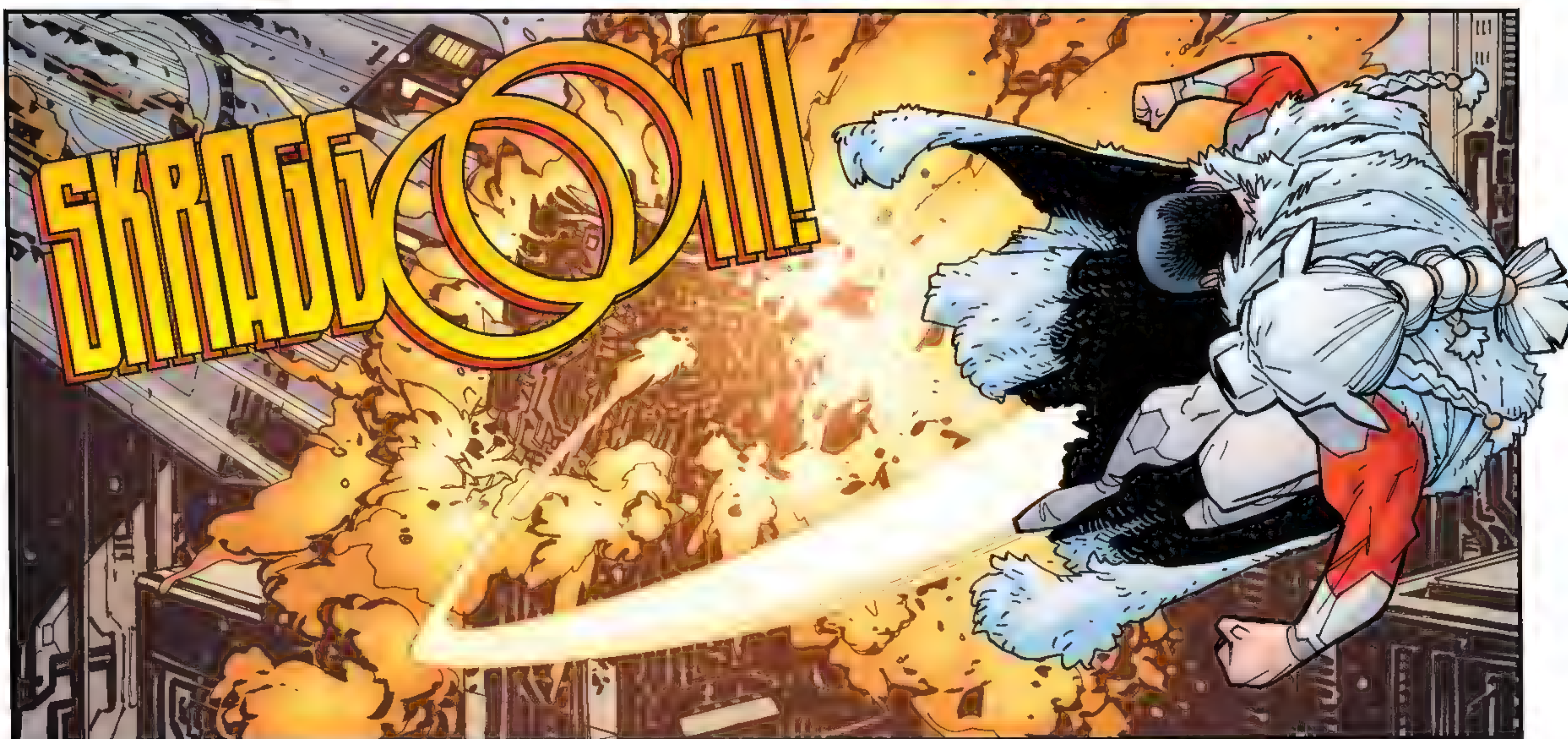
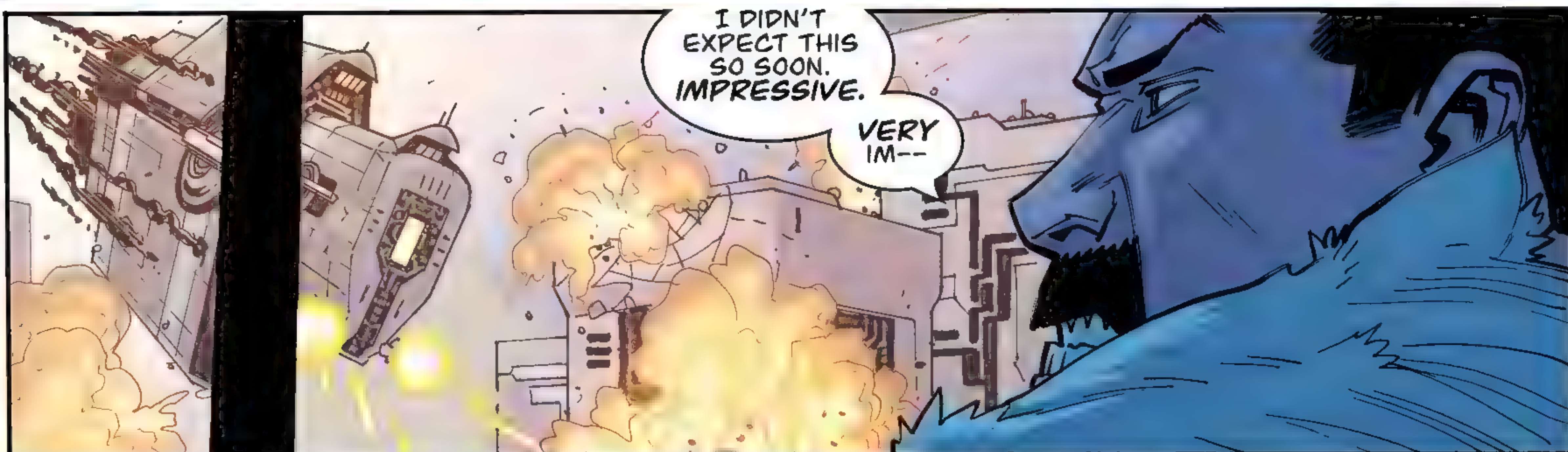
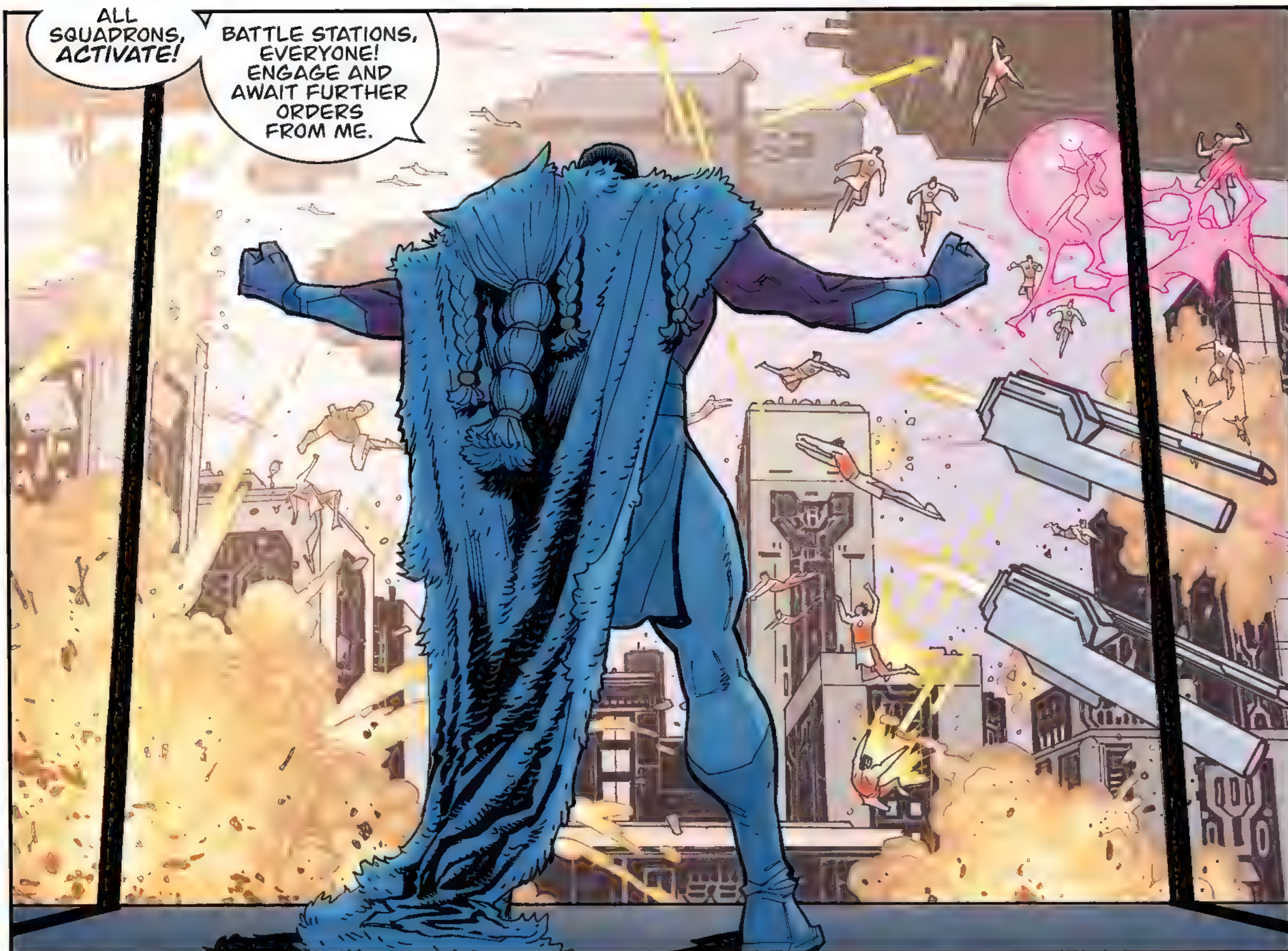






CHAPTER FOUR







LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT HIS ATTENTION.

THAT WAS QUICK.

MARK GRAYSON... OF COURSE YOU'RE ALIVE...



VILTRUMITES OF THE TRUE EMPIRE!

LET'S END THIS QUICKLY!

ALL FORCES CONVERGE ON ME!



BRING ME
THE SKULLS
OF THESE
TRAITORS!



THERE'S...

THERE'S TOO MANY.
WE HAD NO CLUE--
WE COULDN'T HAVE
ANTICIPATED THERE
WOULD BE
SO MANY...

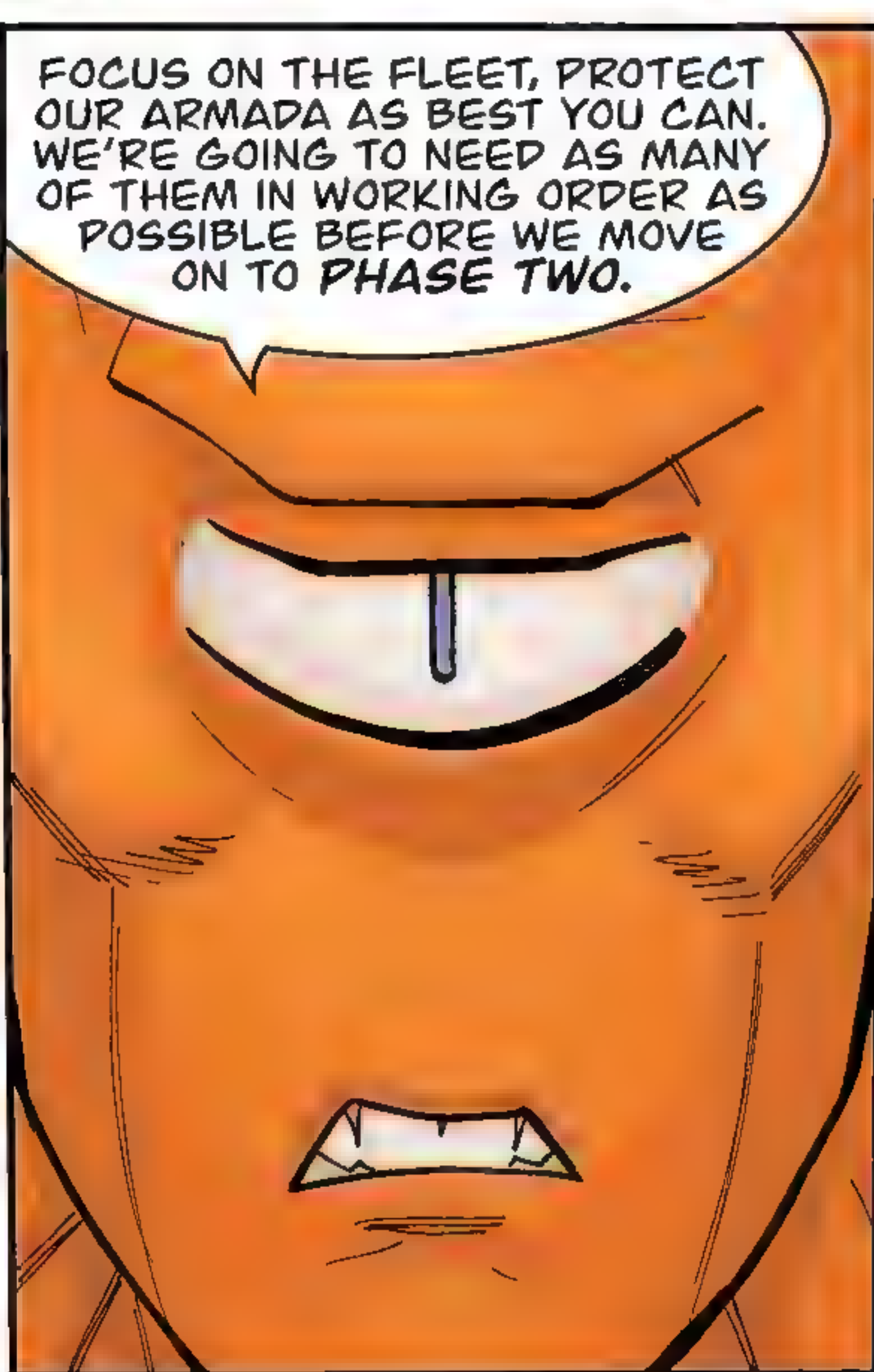


IT DOESN'T
MATTER!

IF ANYTHING, IT
HELPS. THE PLAN
STILL WORKS.
STICK TO THE
PLAN.



STAND READY!
BE PREPARED,
OR WE WON'T
SURVIVE LONG
ENOUGH TO
SEE YOUR
PLAN
THROUGH.

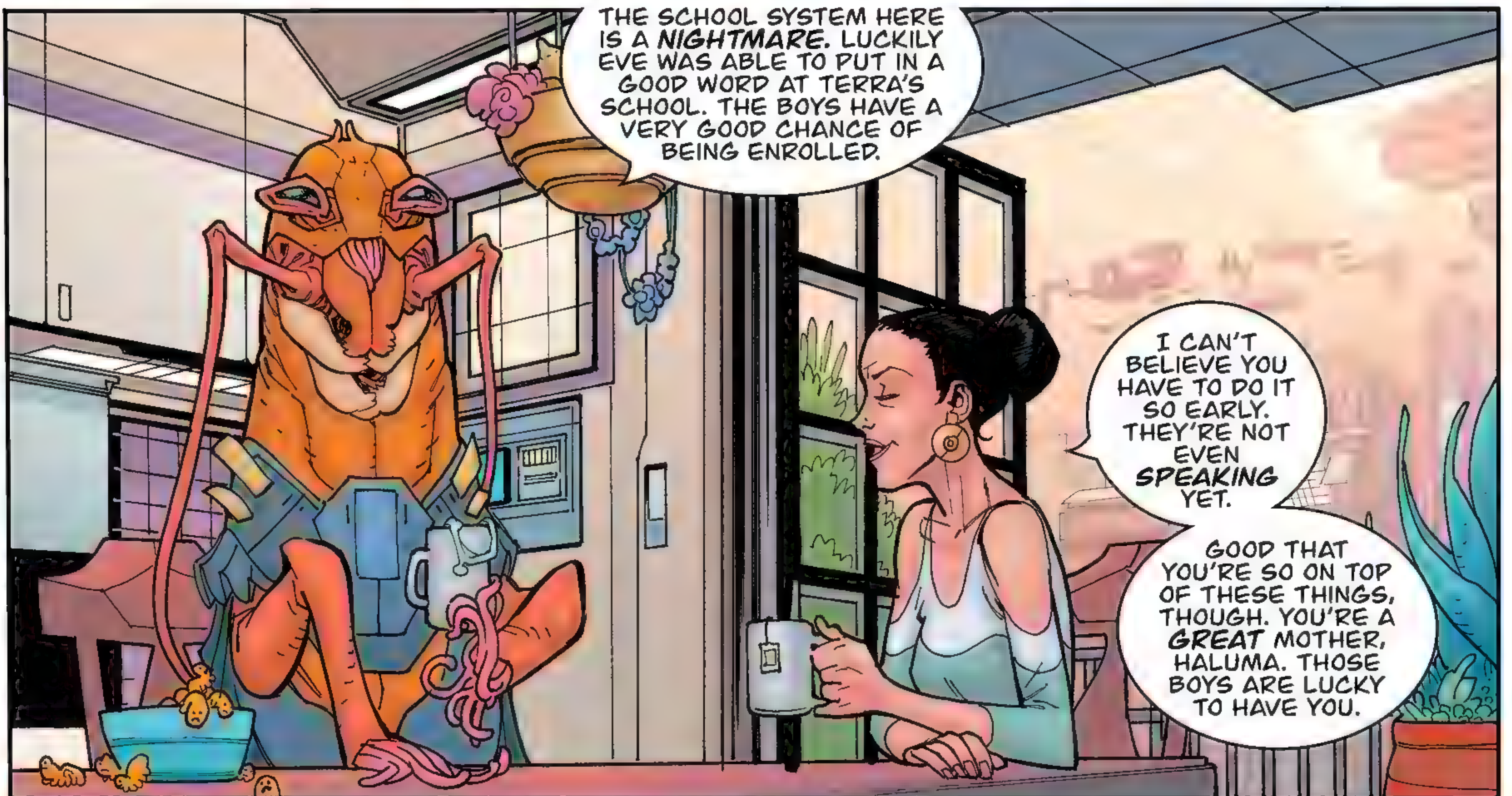
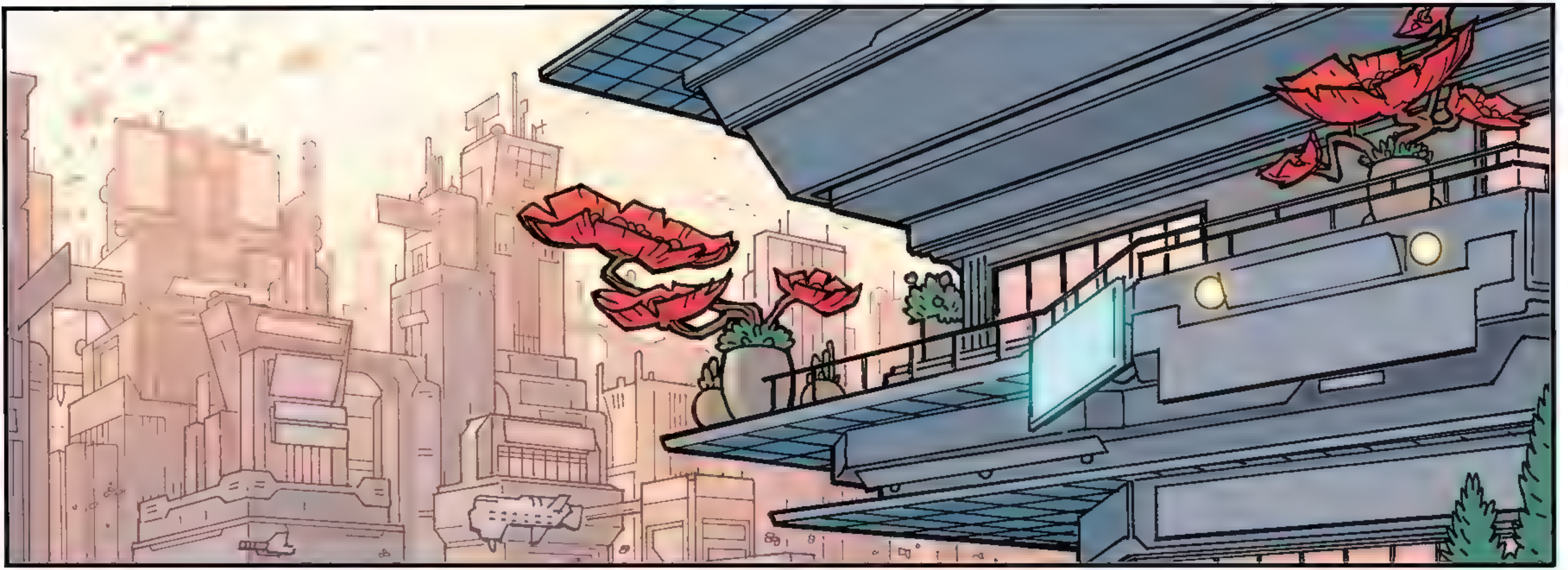


FOCUS ON THE FLEET, PROTECT
OUR ARMADA AS BEST YOU CAN.
WE'RE GOING TO NEED AS MANY
OF THEM IN WORKING ORDER AS
POSSIBLE BEFORE WE MOVE
ON TO PHASE TWO.



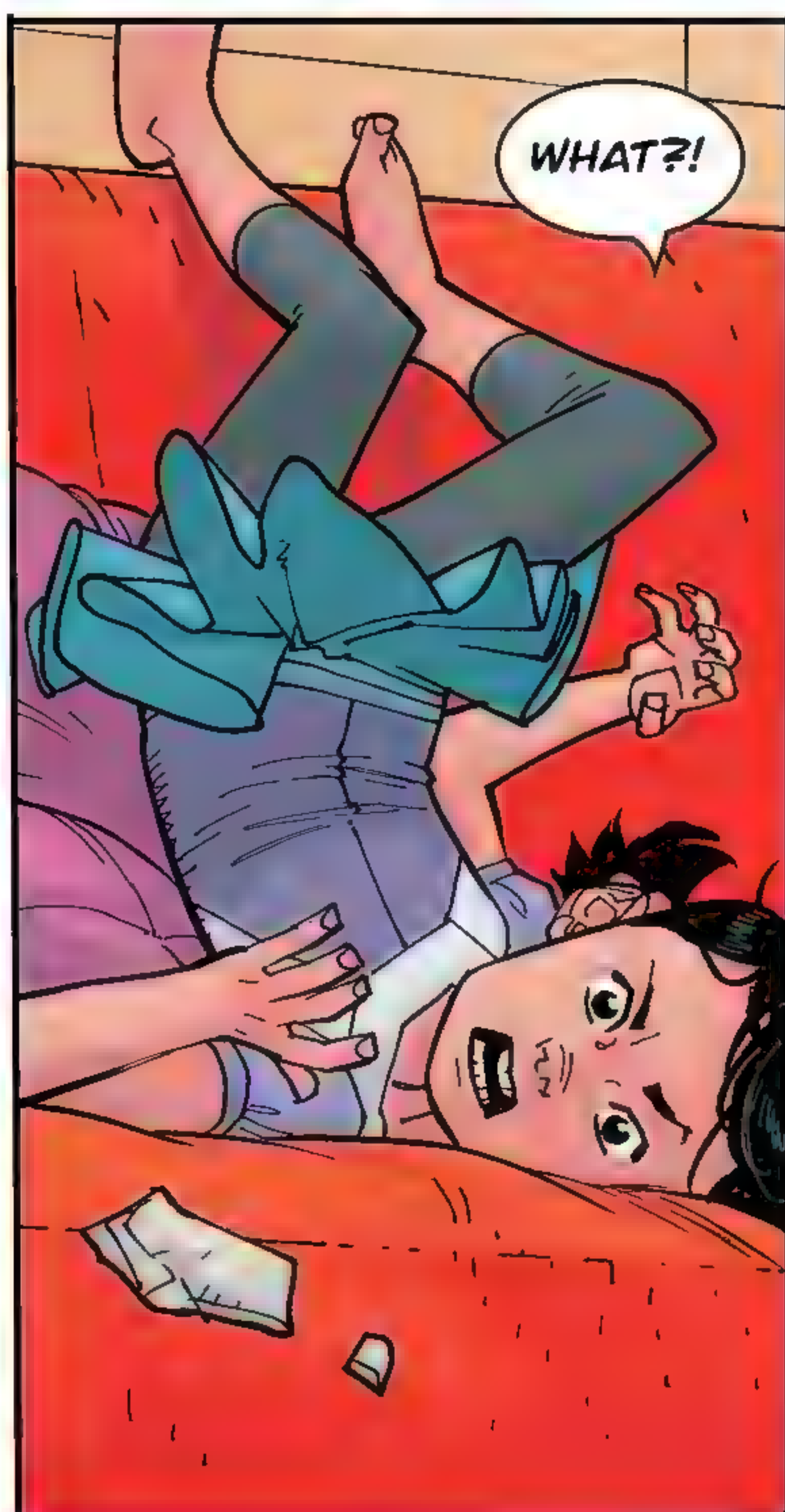
PROTECT THE
SHIPS, FIGHT THE
VILTRUMITES,
DON'T DIE.
GOT IT.

EMPHASIS
ON "DON'T
DIE."





TERRA!!



WHAT?!



YOUNG LADY, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE PLAYING WITH YOUR COUSINS. NOT FLYING INTO THE CEILING! YOU COULD HAVE HURT THEM!



BABIES ARE BORING! WAS I EVER THIS BORING?

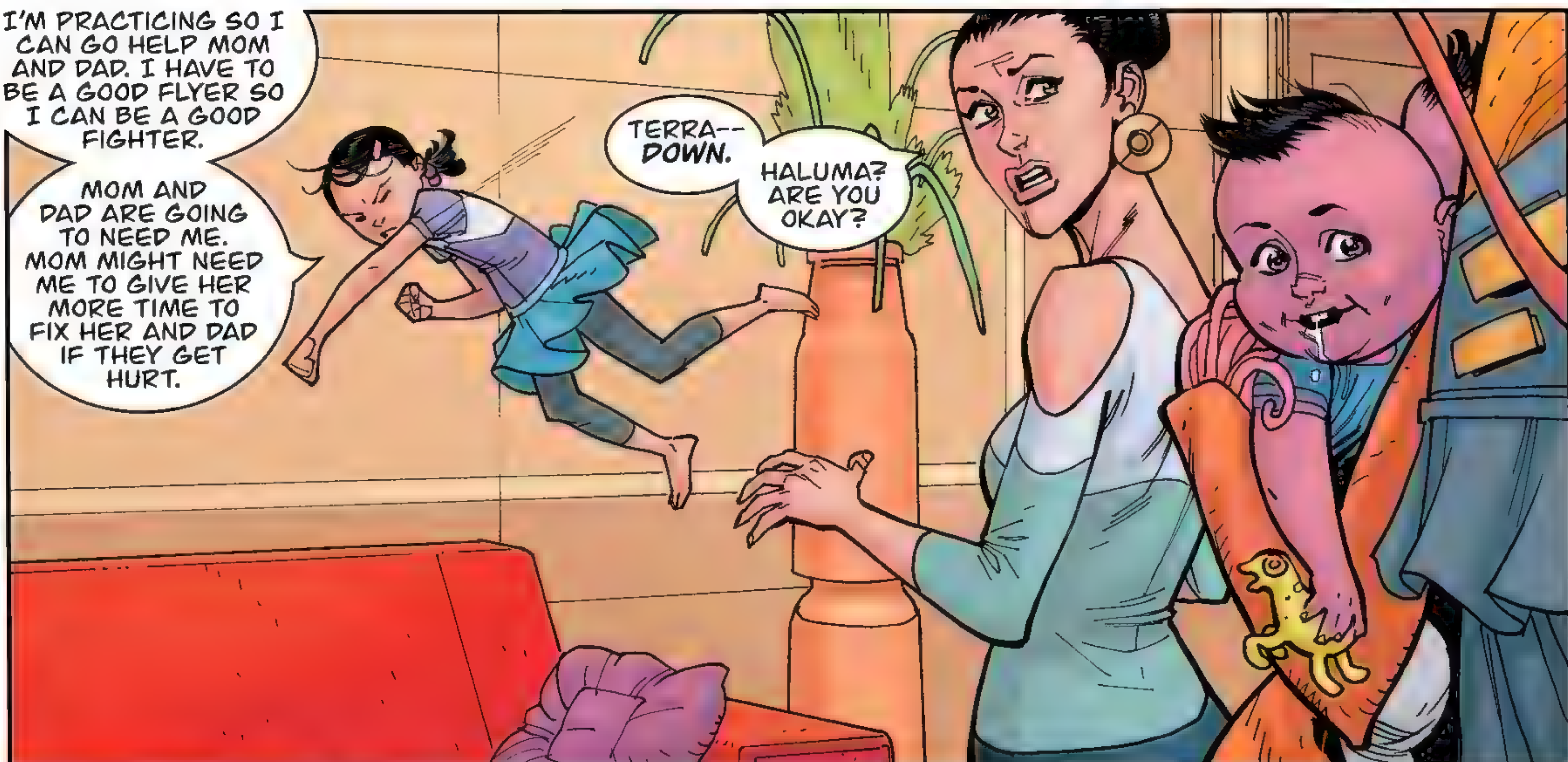
YOU MUST HAVE HATED ME.

I'M PRACTICING SO I CAN GO HELP MOM AND DAD. I HAVE TO BE A GOOD FLYER SO I CAN BE A GOOD FIGHTER.

MOM AND DAD ARE GOING TO NEED ME. MOM MIGHT NEED ME TO GIVE HER MORE TIME TO FIX HER AND DAD IF THEY GET HURT.

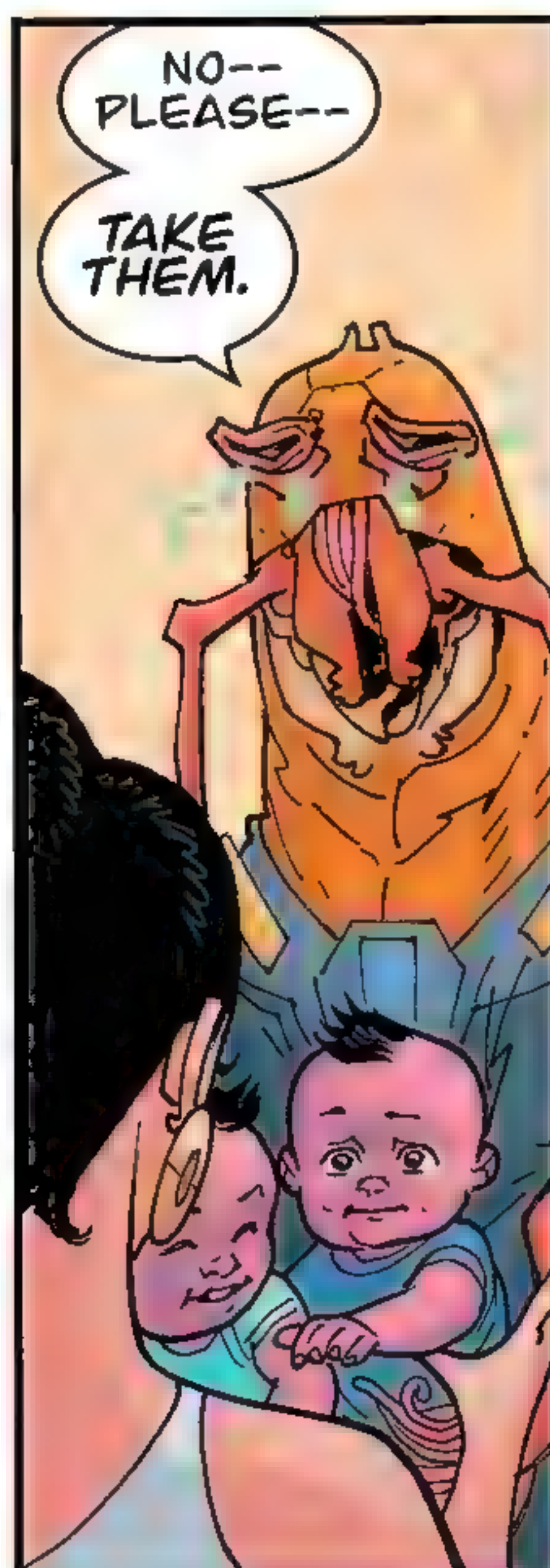
TERRA--
DOWN.

HALUMA?
ARE YOU
OKAY?



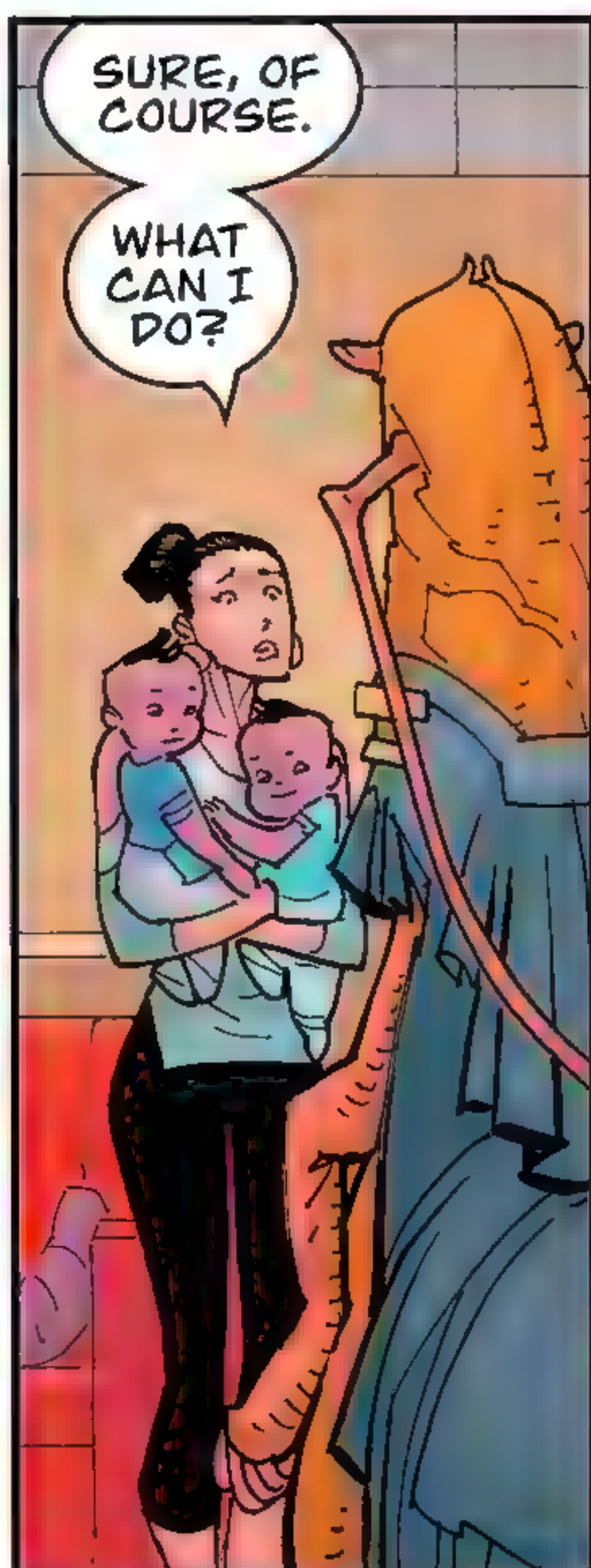
NO--
PLEASE--

TAKE
THEM.



SURE, OF
COURSE.

WHAT
CAN I
DO?

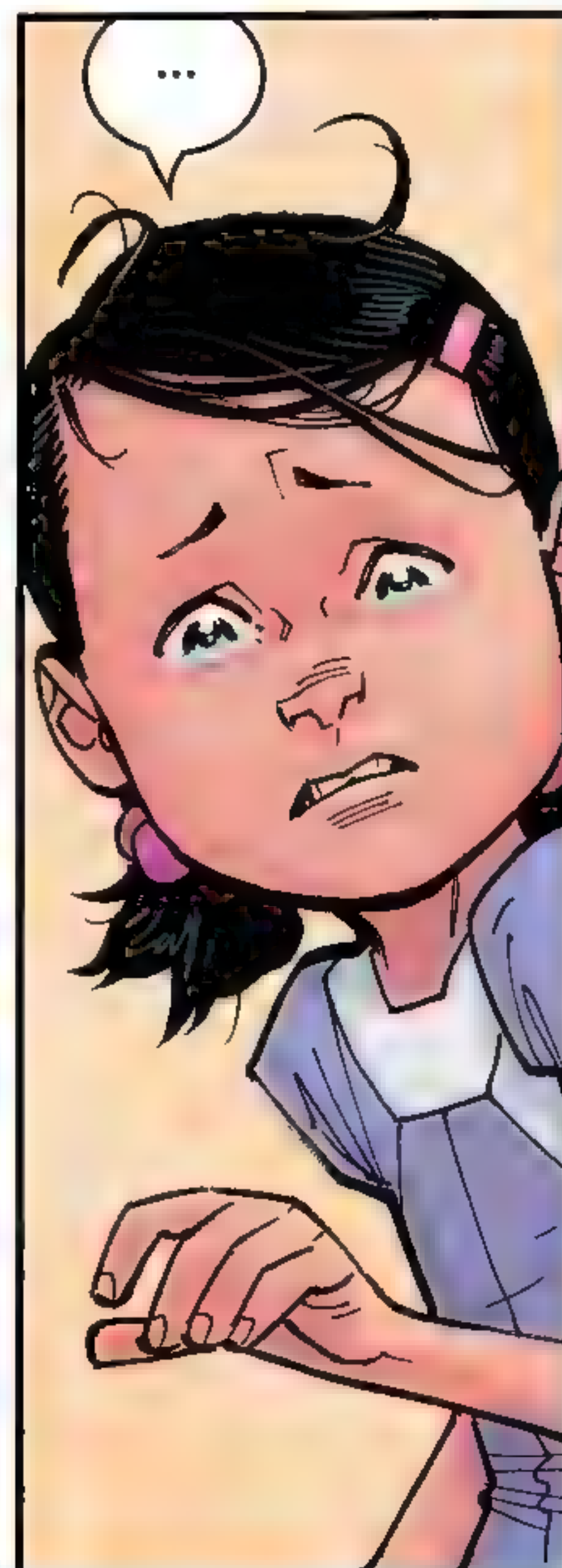


OLIVER MADE ME
FEEL... **SAFE**. THRAGG
IS OUT THERE,
VILTRUMITES ARE
EVERYWHERE... AND
HE'S... **GONE**.

I HEARD
THAT NOISE AND I
THOUGHT... I THOUGHT
I'D LOST **THEM**, TOO.
I JUST CAN'T--
I CAN'T--



...



TERRA,
DEAR.
DON'T CRY.
YOU DIDN'T
MEAN TO...



UNCLE OLIVER
TRIED TO SAVE
ME. HE FOUGHT
THE BAD
PEOPLE TO STOP
THEM FROM
KILLING ME.

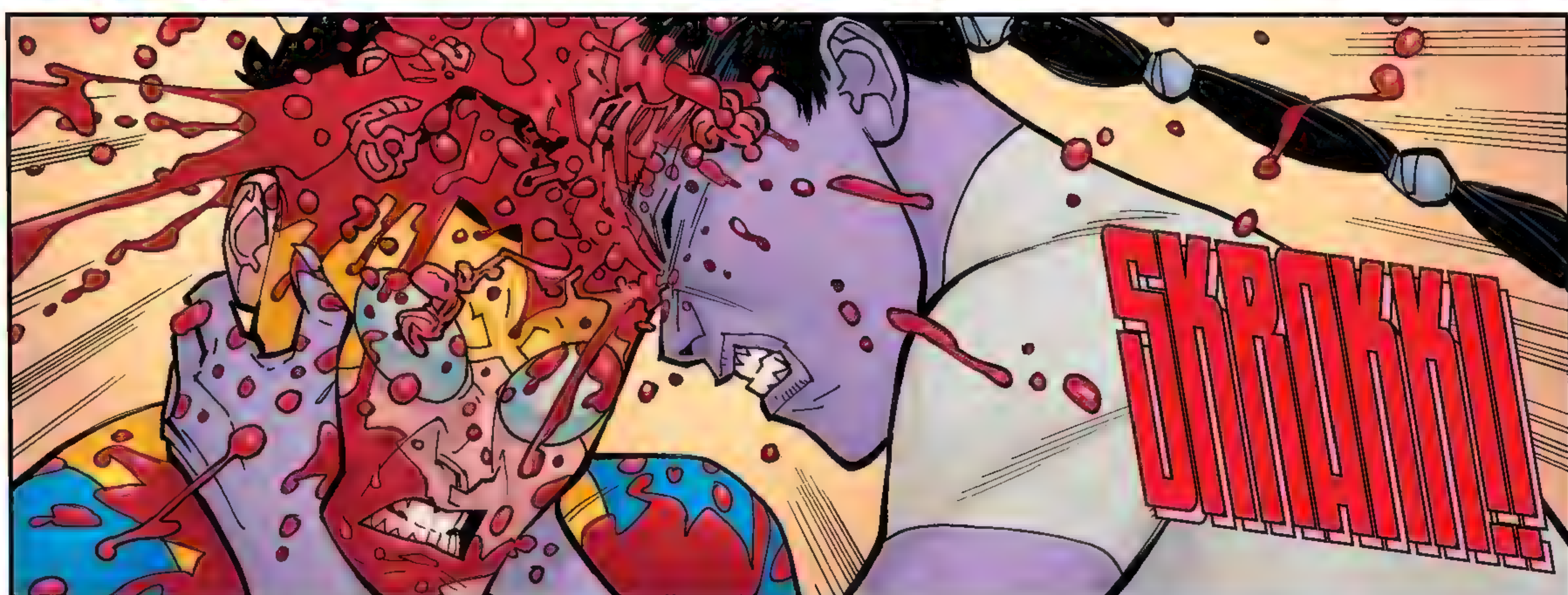
IT WAS
ALL MY
FAULT.

I WAS SO
SCARED. THE
BAD PEOPLE
HURT HIM SO
MUCH HIS WET
PARTS WERE
SHOWING... IT
WAS SAD AND
SCARY.

I'M **SORRY**
HE DIED. I HOPE
THAT NEVER
HAPPENS TO
ANYONE ELSE
EVER AGAIN
EVER.





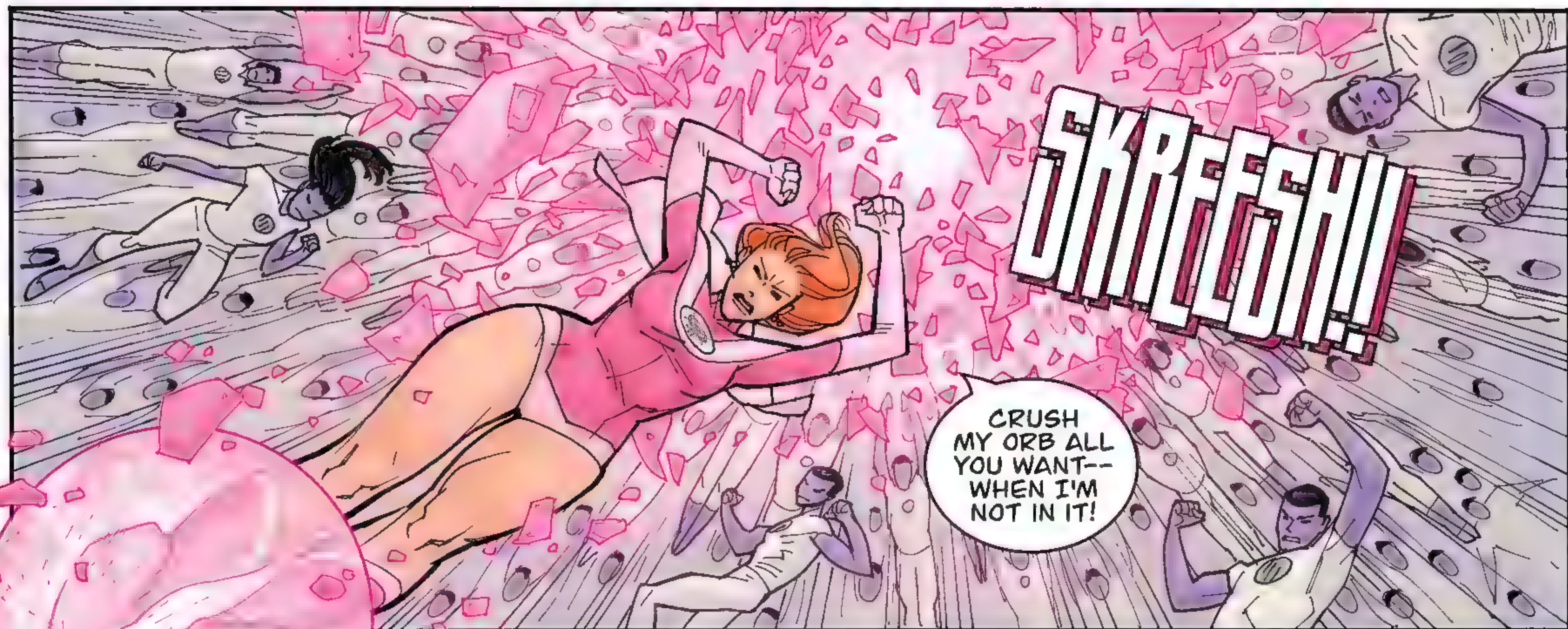




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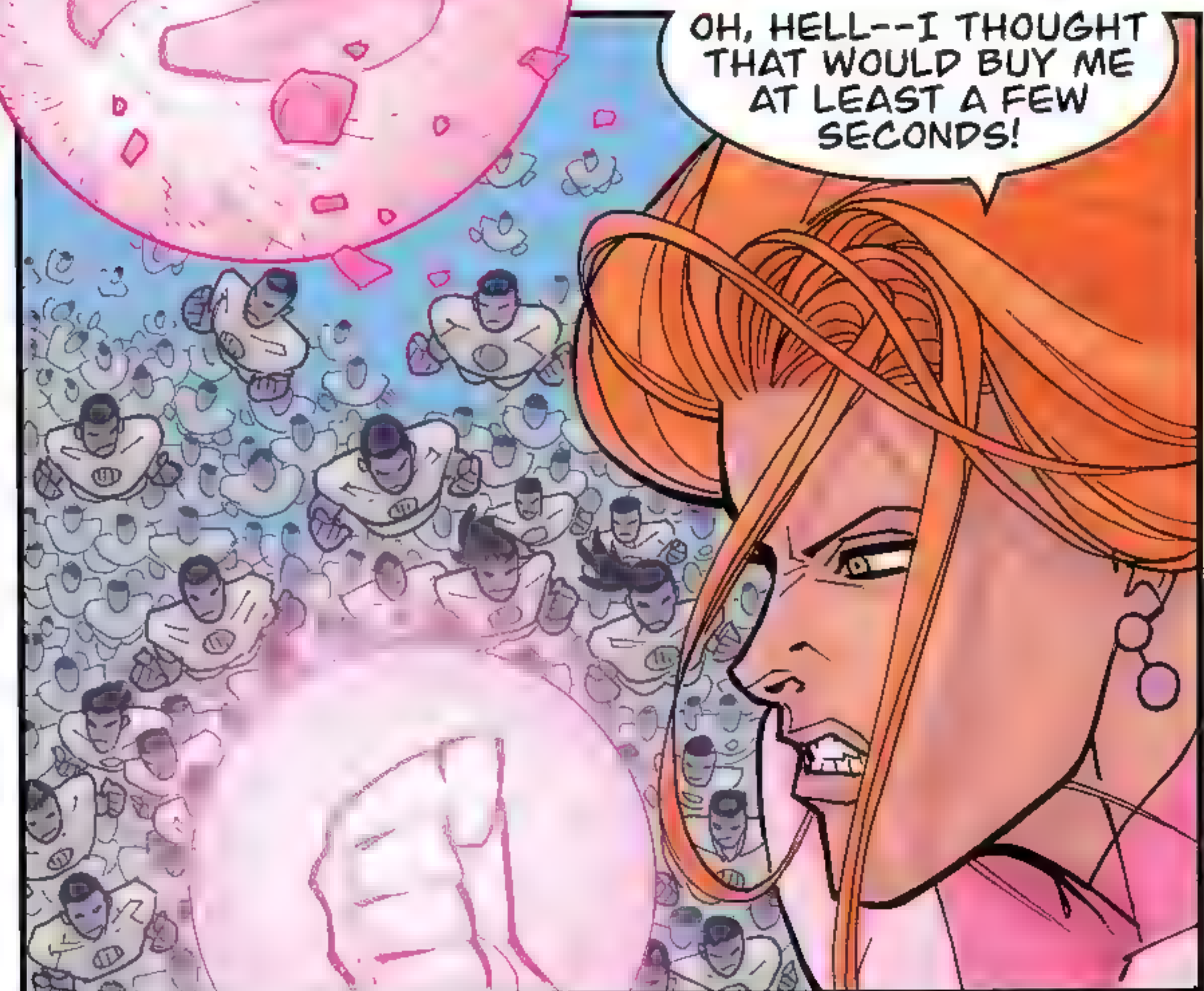
DAMN IT!

WRAAAAH!!!



SKREEESH!!!

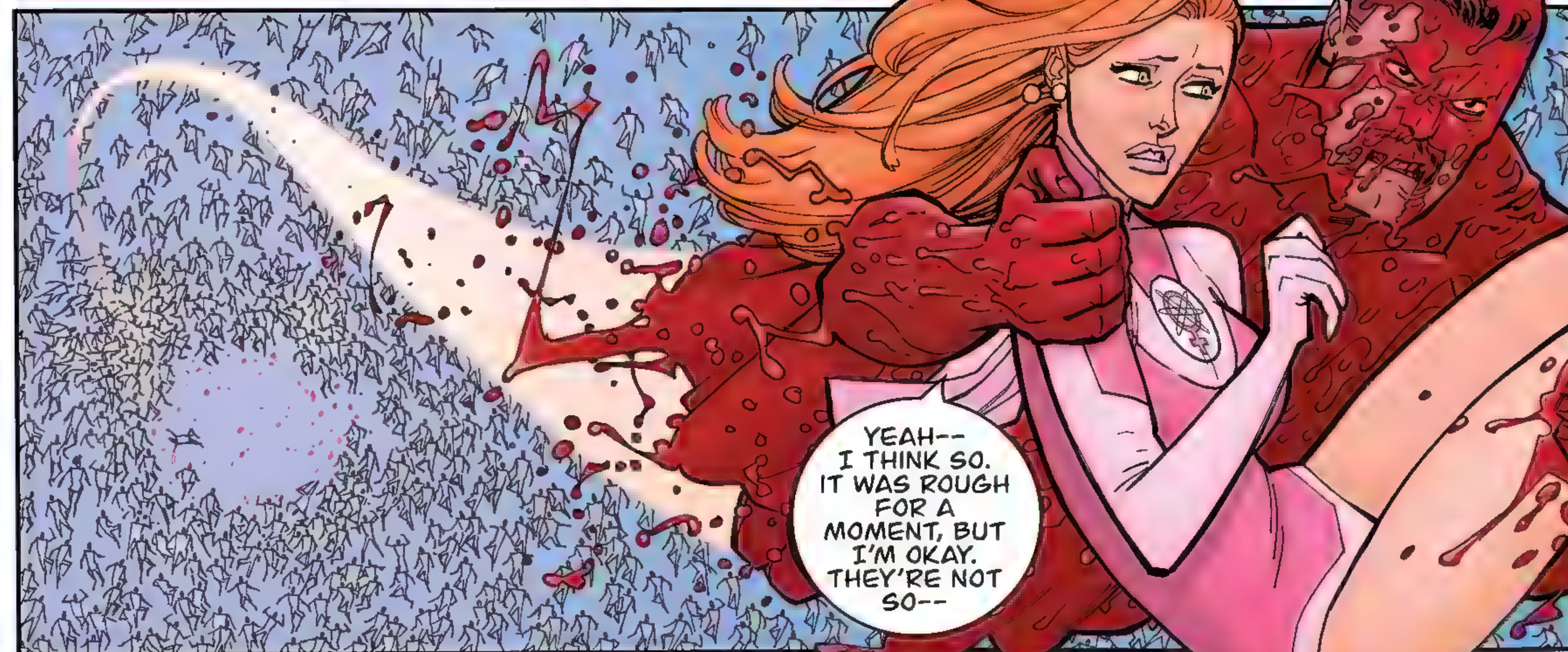
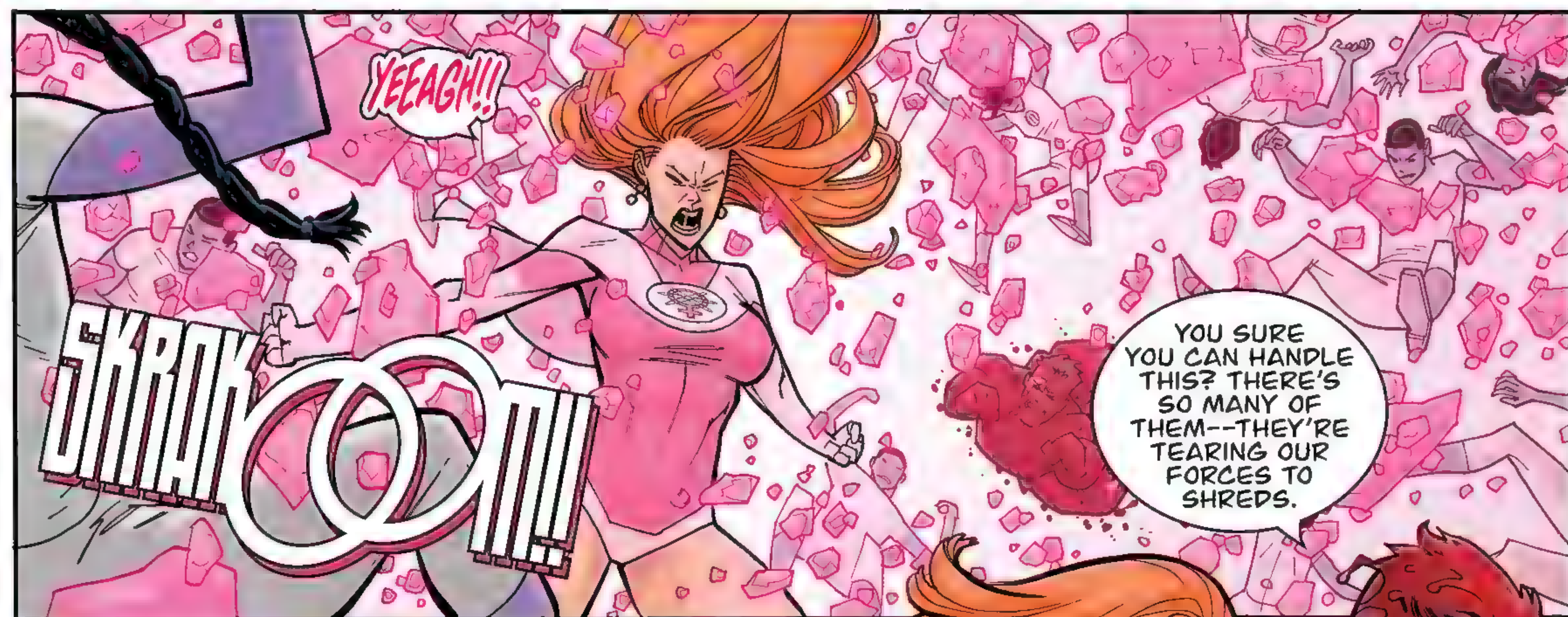
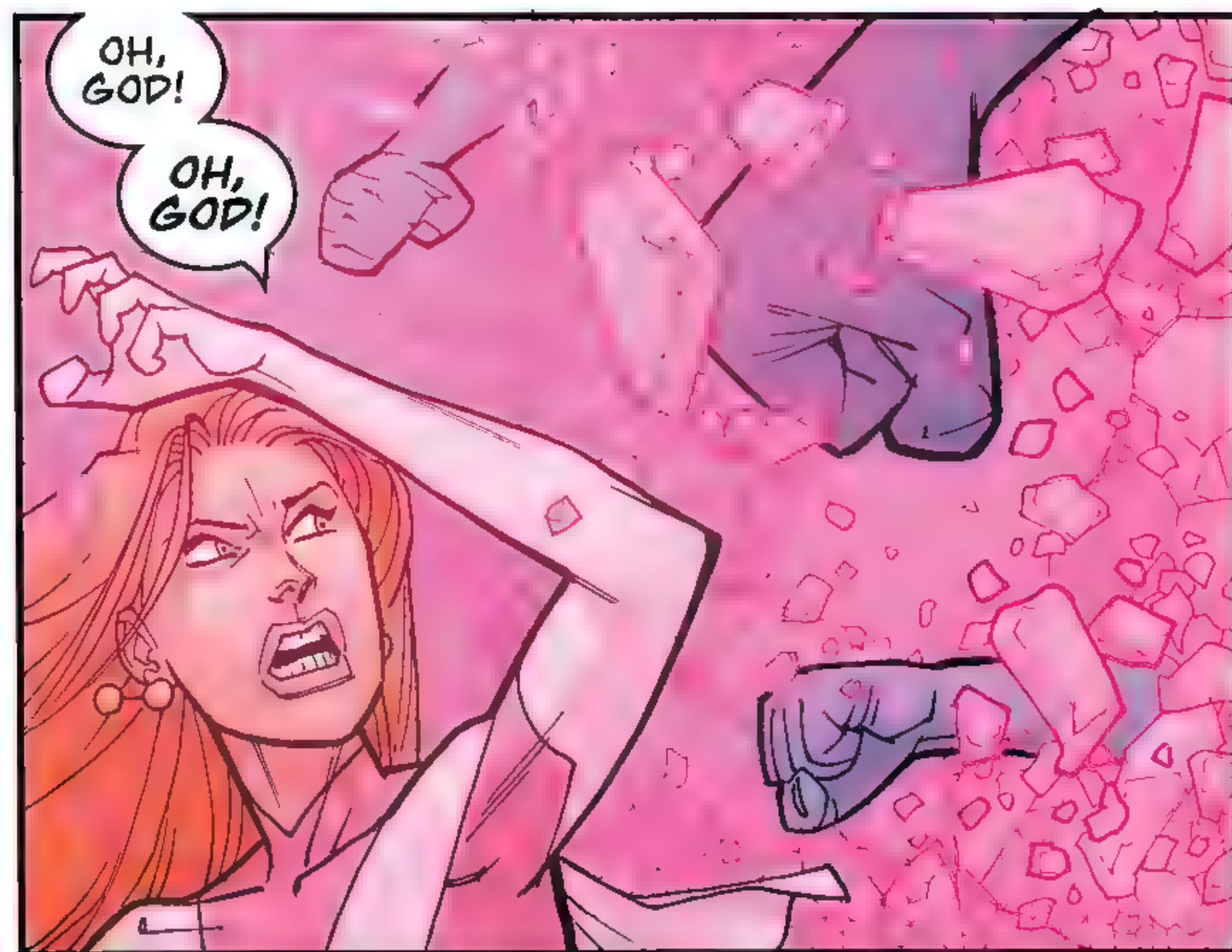
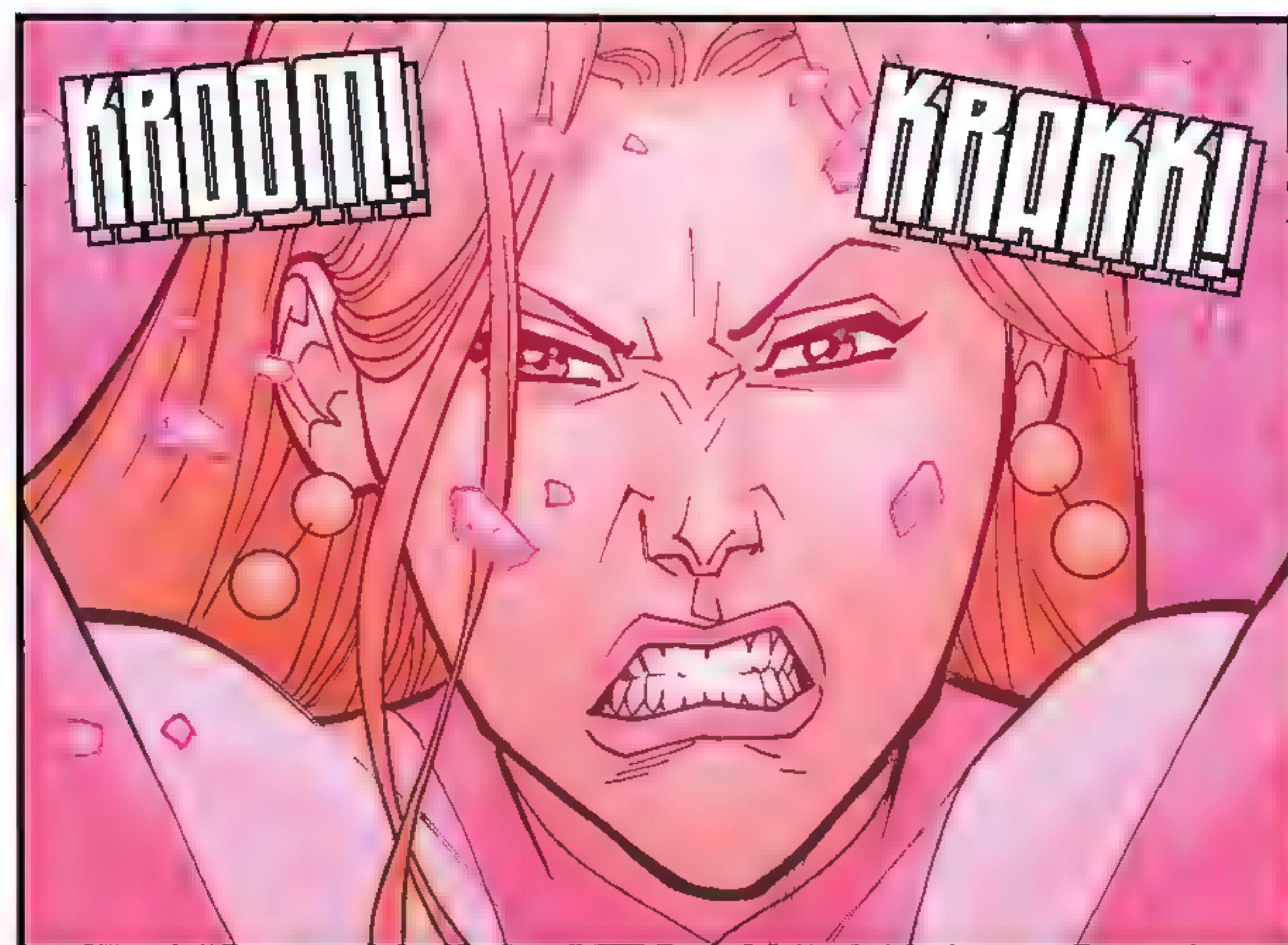
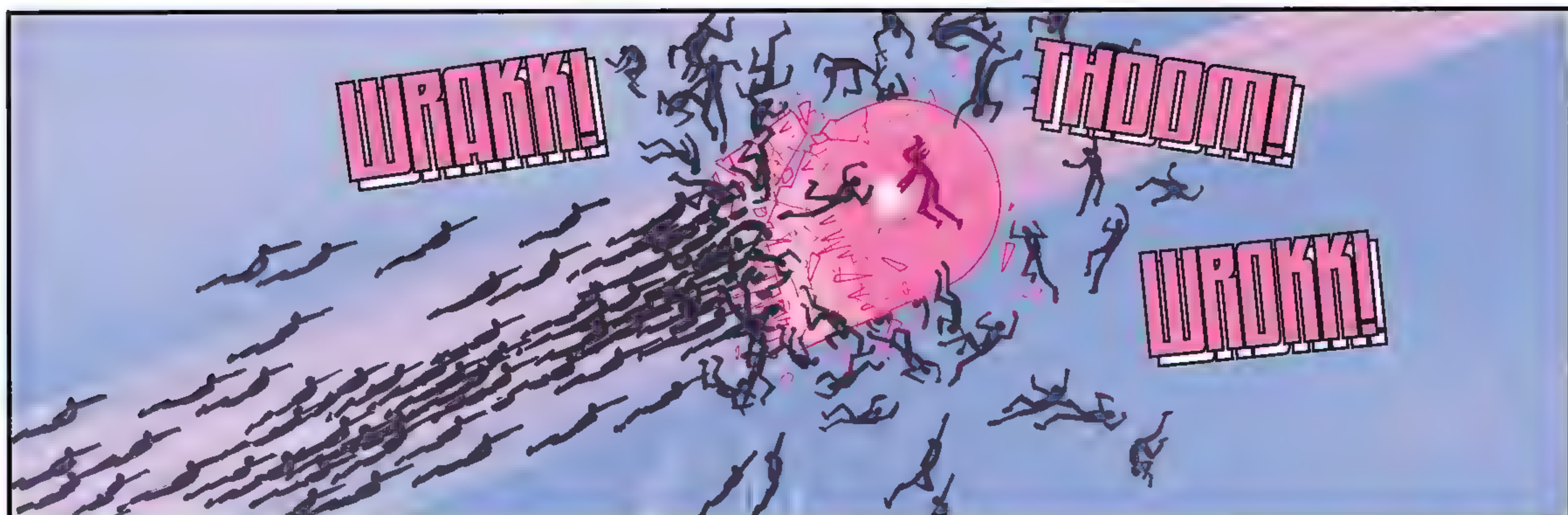
CRUSH MY ORB ALL YOU WANT-- WHEN I'M NOT IN IT!

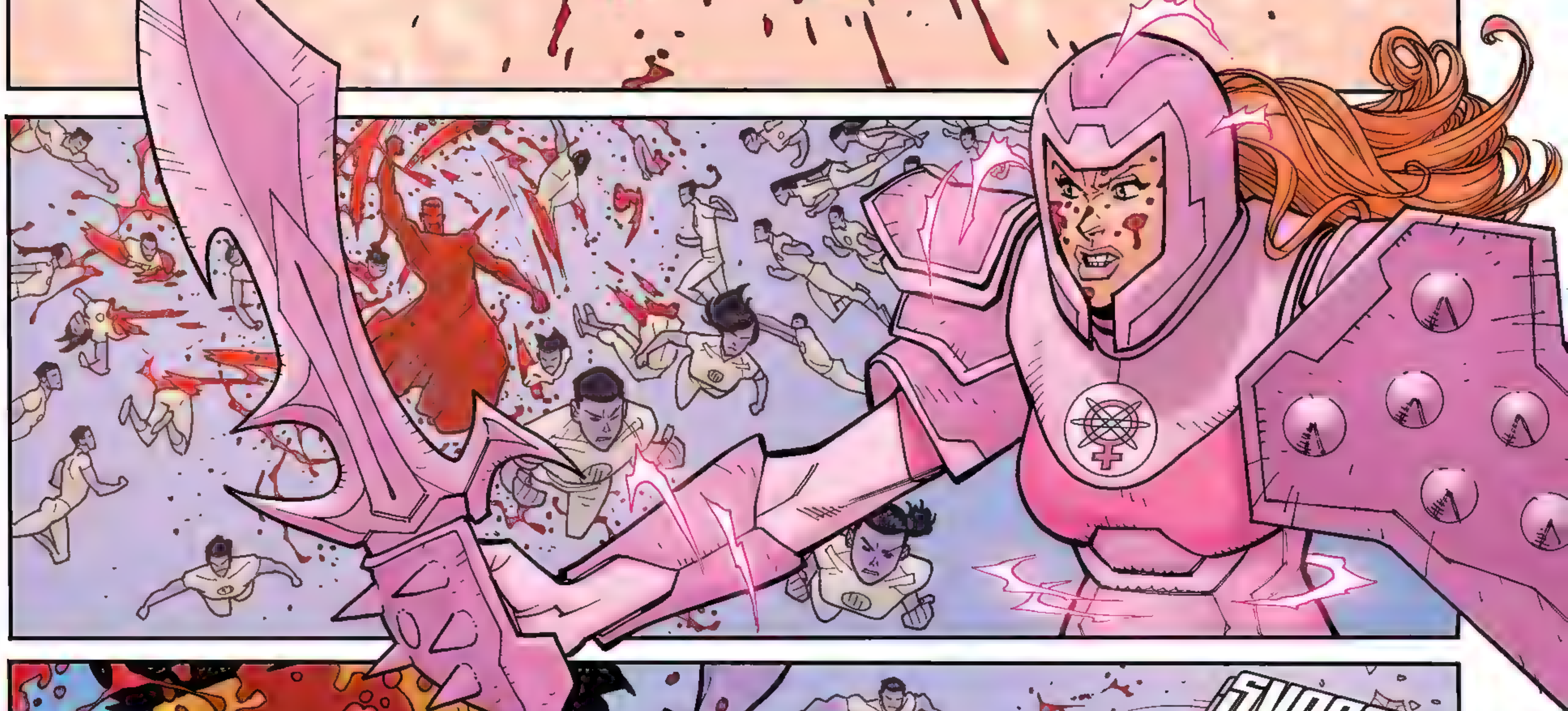
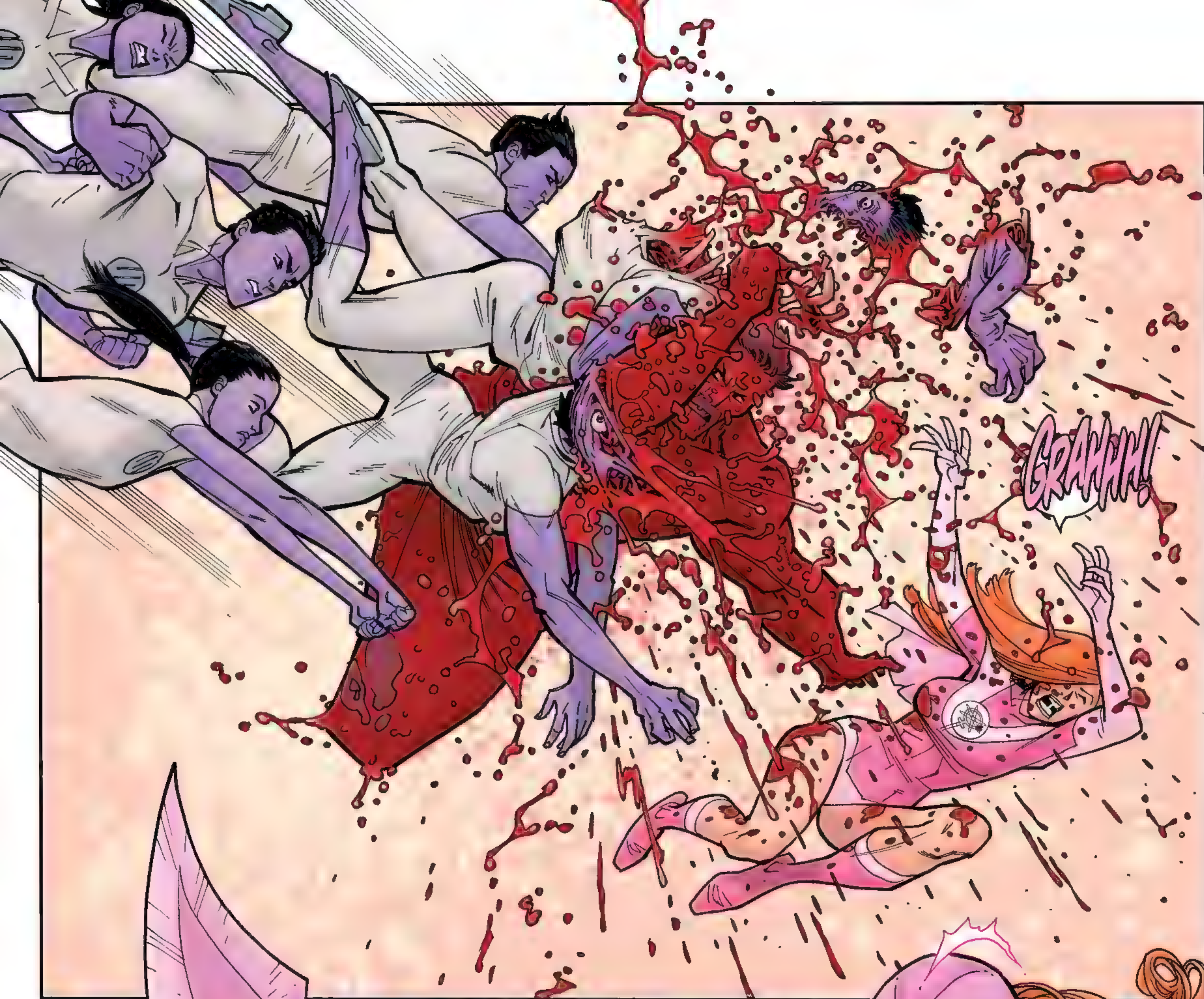


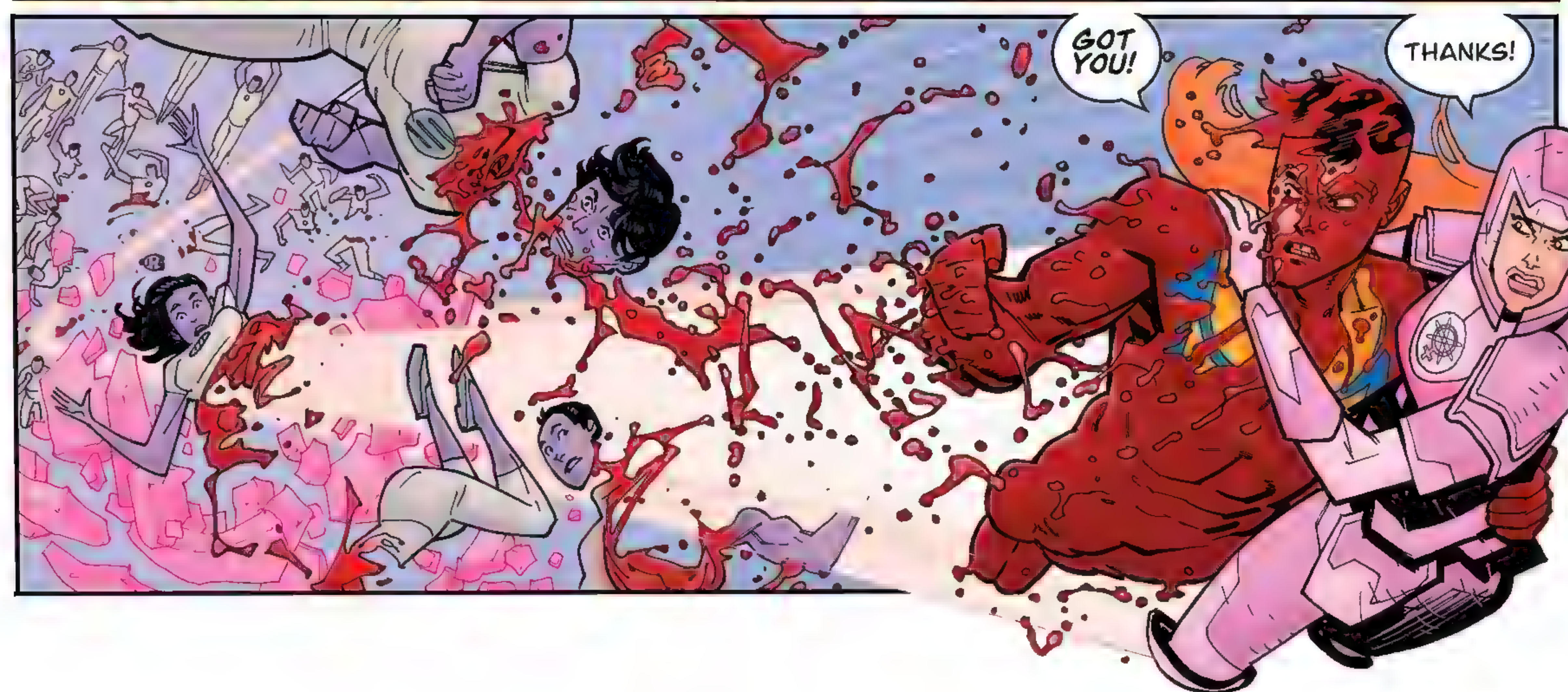
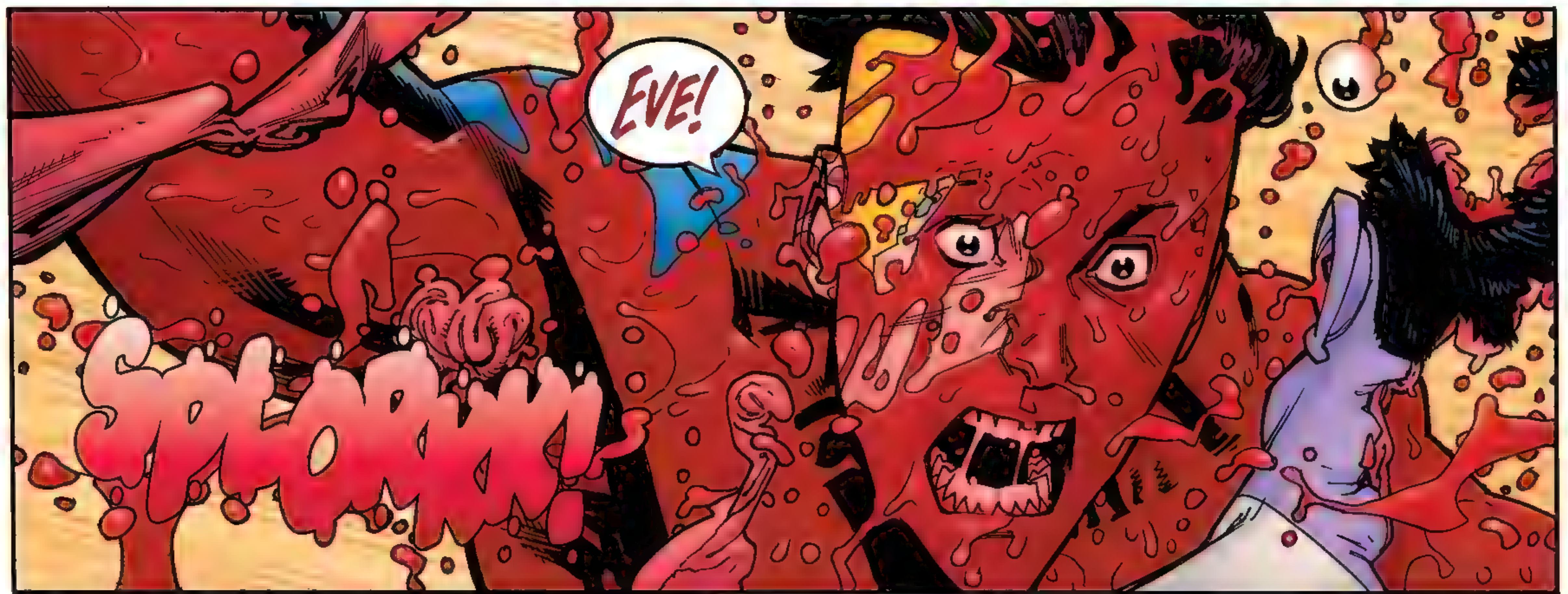
OH, HELL--I THOUGHT THAT WOULD BUY ME AT LEAST A FEW SECONDS!



HERE WE GO!











THEY'RE
BREAKING
RANK. WE'VE
GOT THEM ON
THE RUN. THIS
BATTLE IS
WON.

BUT AT
WHAT
COST?!



WHAT?



MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS
ARE DYING! THEY'RE THROWING
THEMSELVES AT THE
ENEMY--IT'S KILLING
THEM!

DON'T YOU
SEE THE
BODY
COUNT?



I SEE
EVERYTHING!

THRAKK!



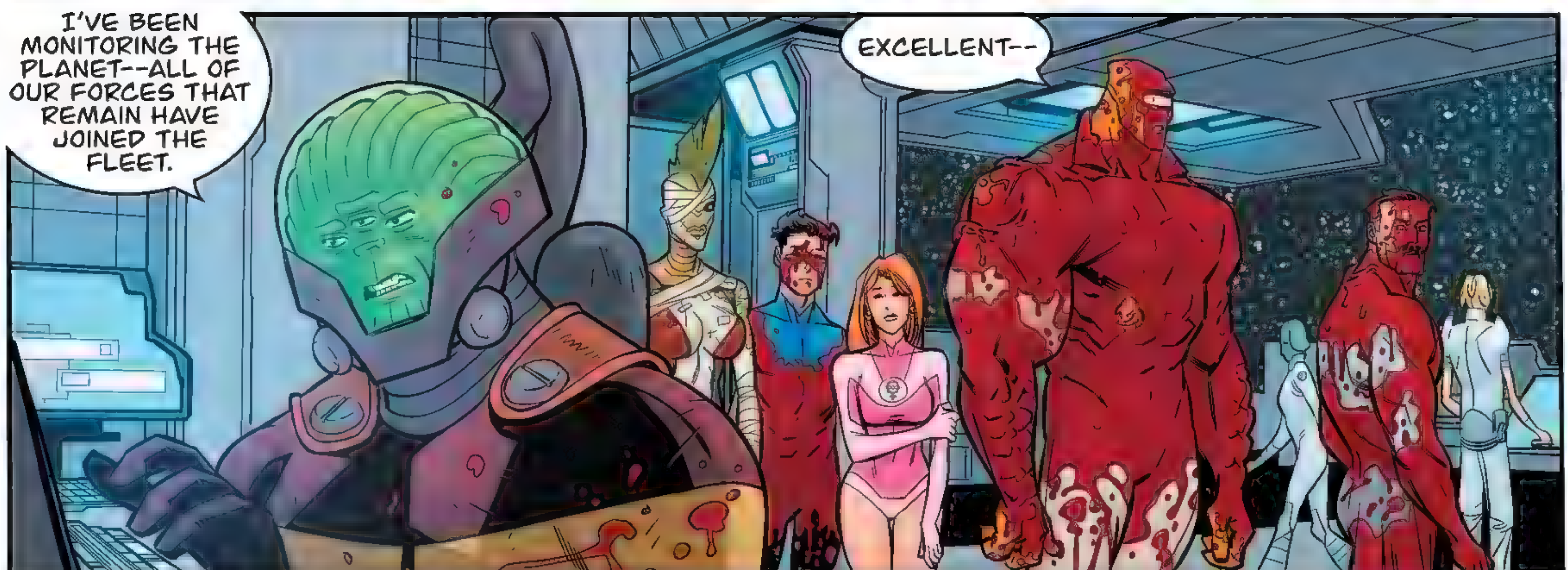
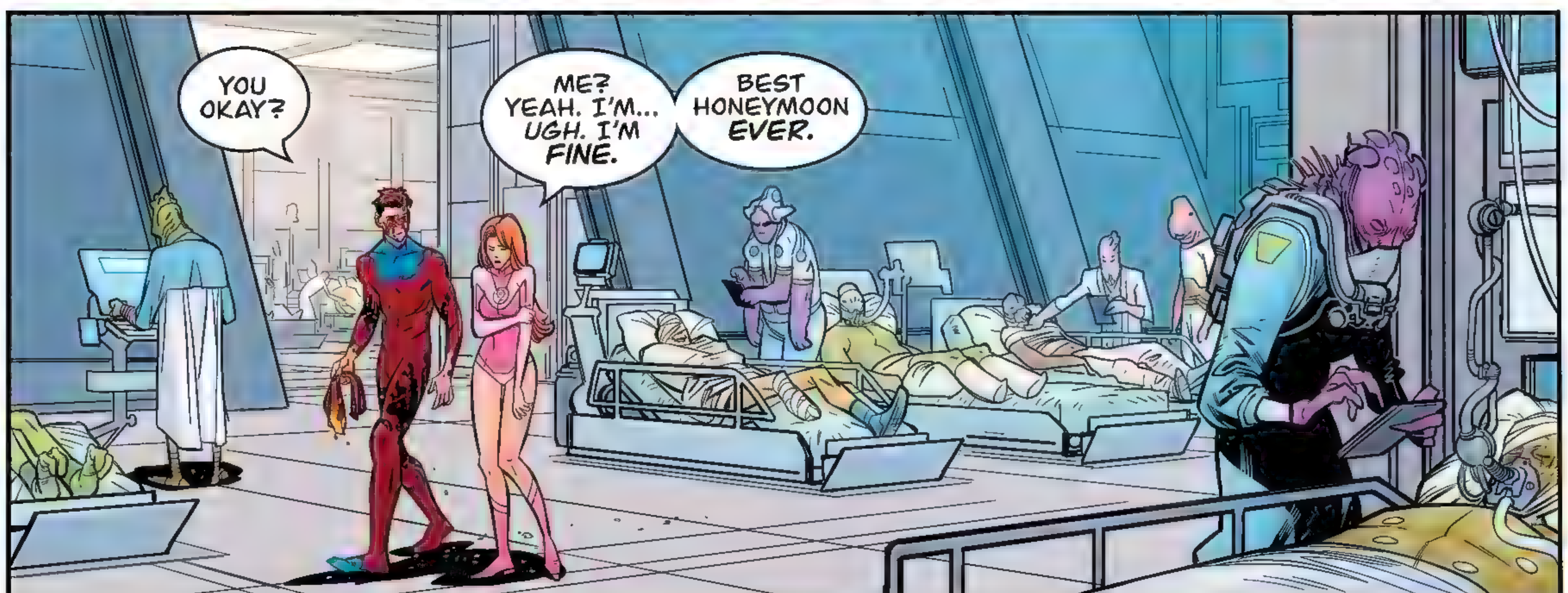
THE FALLEN WERE
WEAK, AND IT IS OUR
WAY TO CAST THEM
OFF... OUR EMPIRE
WILL BE BUILT WITH
THE STRONG.

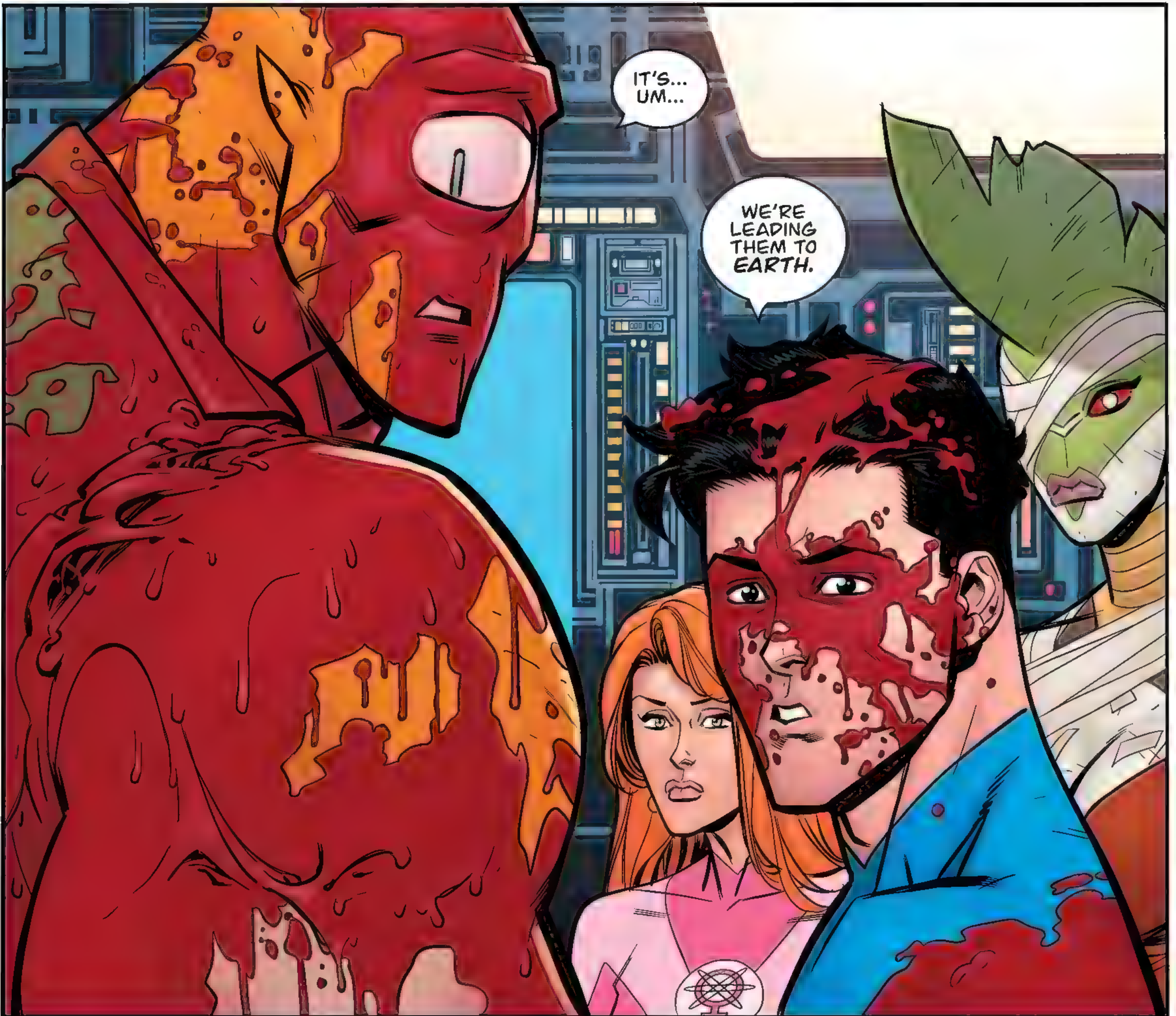
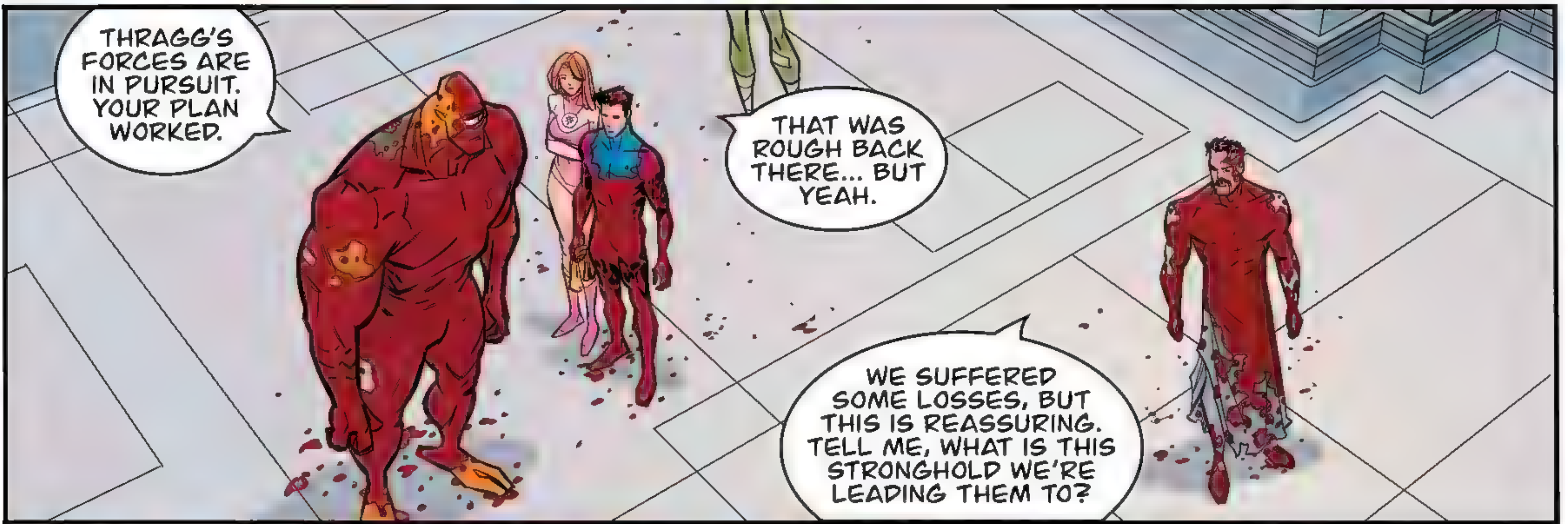
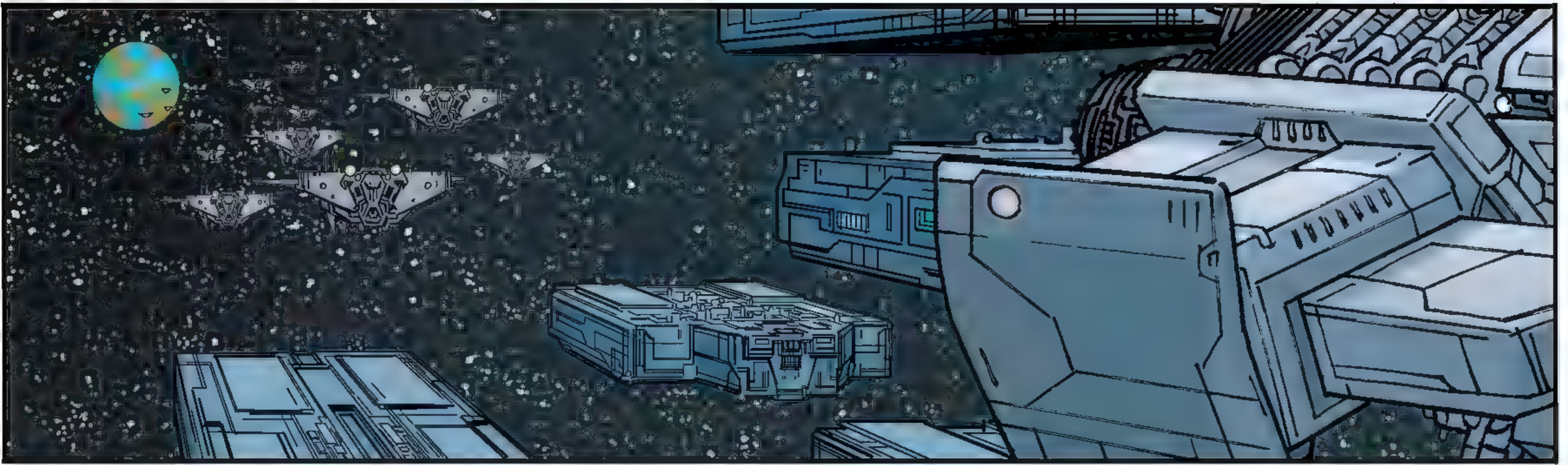
WE WILL
BE STRONGER
FROM THIS
BATTLE... IT HAS
TEMPERED
US.

IT IS NOT
YOUR PLACE TO
QUESTION MY
WILL OR MY
MOTIVES. IF YOU
FEEL SUCH PITY
FOR THE WEAK,
LET ME
KNOW...

...AND YOU
CAN JOIN
THEM.



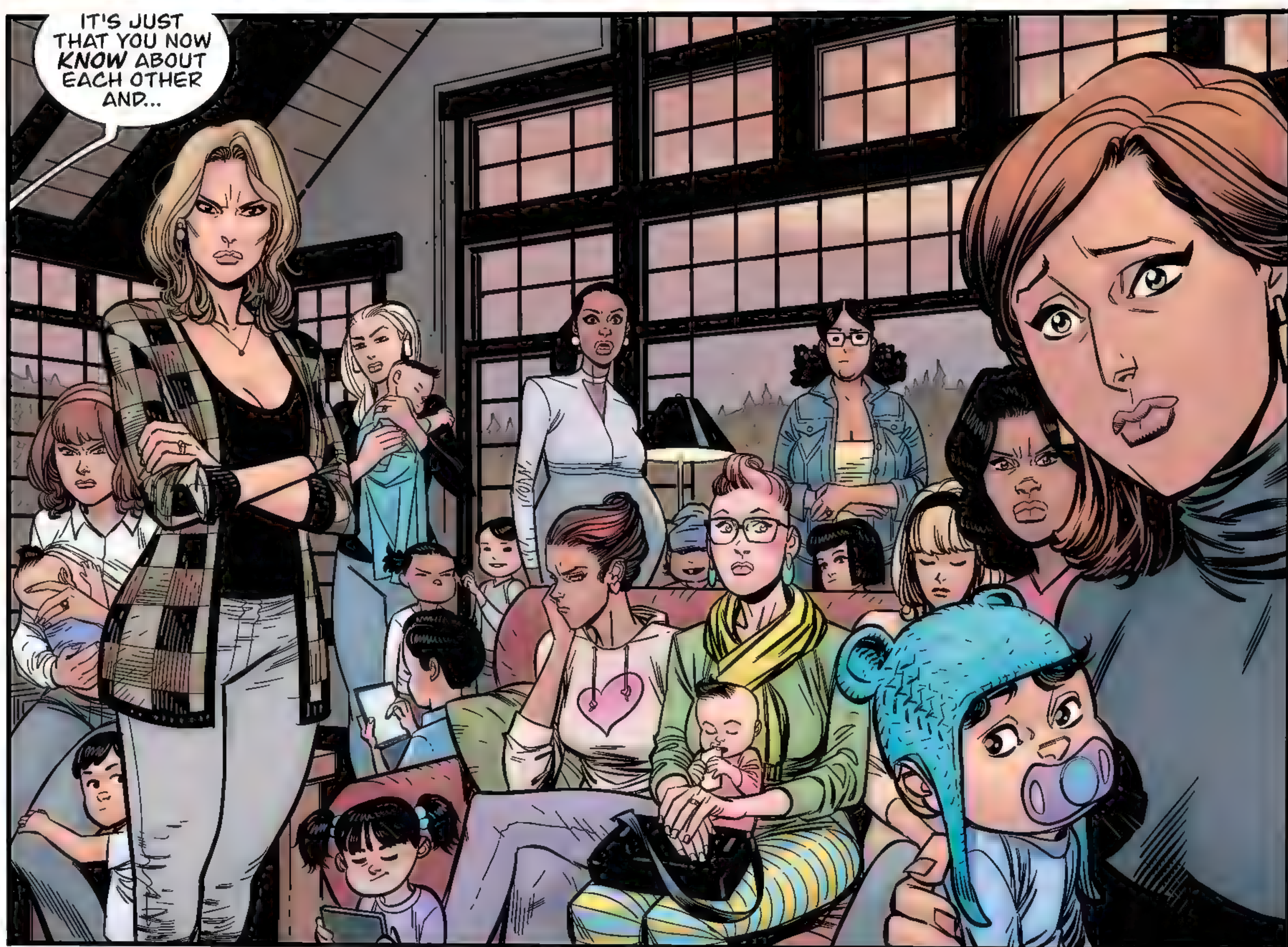




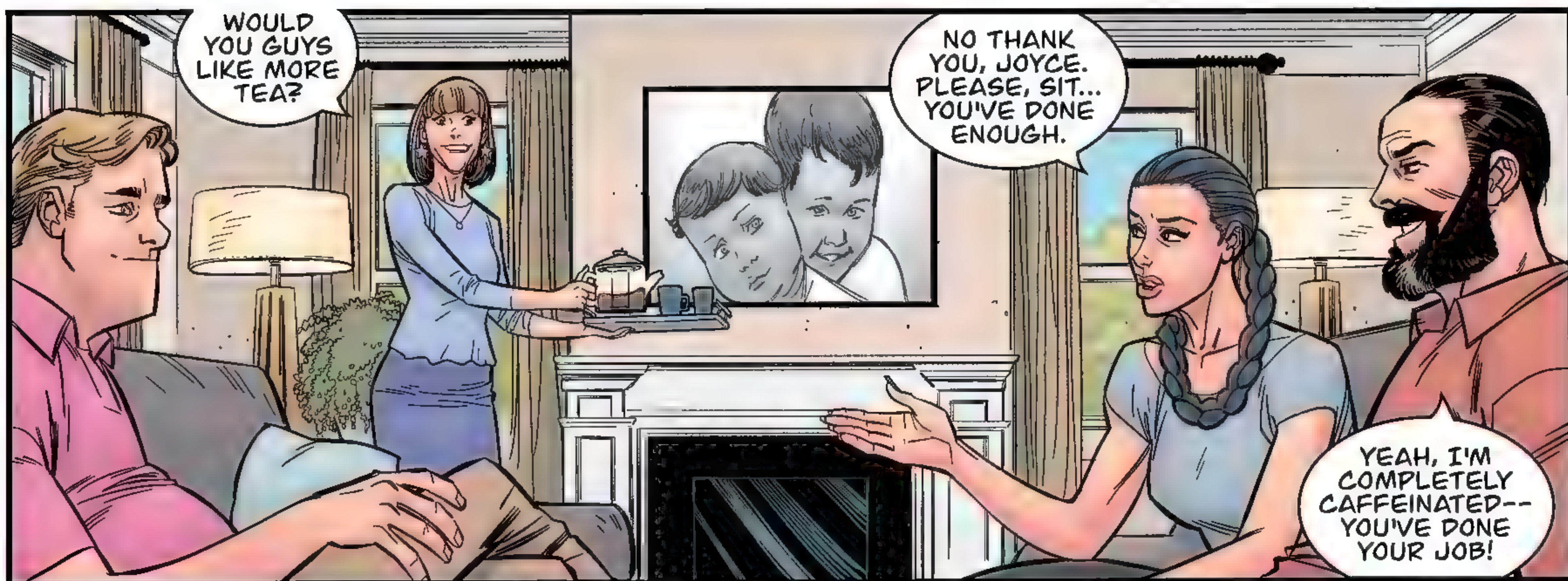


CHAPTER FIVE









WOULD YOU GUYS LIKE MORE TEA?

NO THANK YOU, JOYCE. PLEASE, SIT... YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH.

YEAH, I'M COMPLETELY CAFFEINATED-- YOU'VE DONE YOUR JOB!

SORRY, I'M A BIT OF A TEA ADDICT, MYSELF. I ALWAYS TRY TO PUSH IT ON OTHERS TO MAKE MYSELF FEEL BETTER ABOUT DRINKING SO MUCH.

WELL, THAT BACKFIRED!

THANKS FOR HAVING US OVER. WE'RE SO HAPPY TO BE MAKING NEW FRIENDS AT THE SCHOOL.

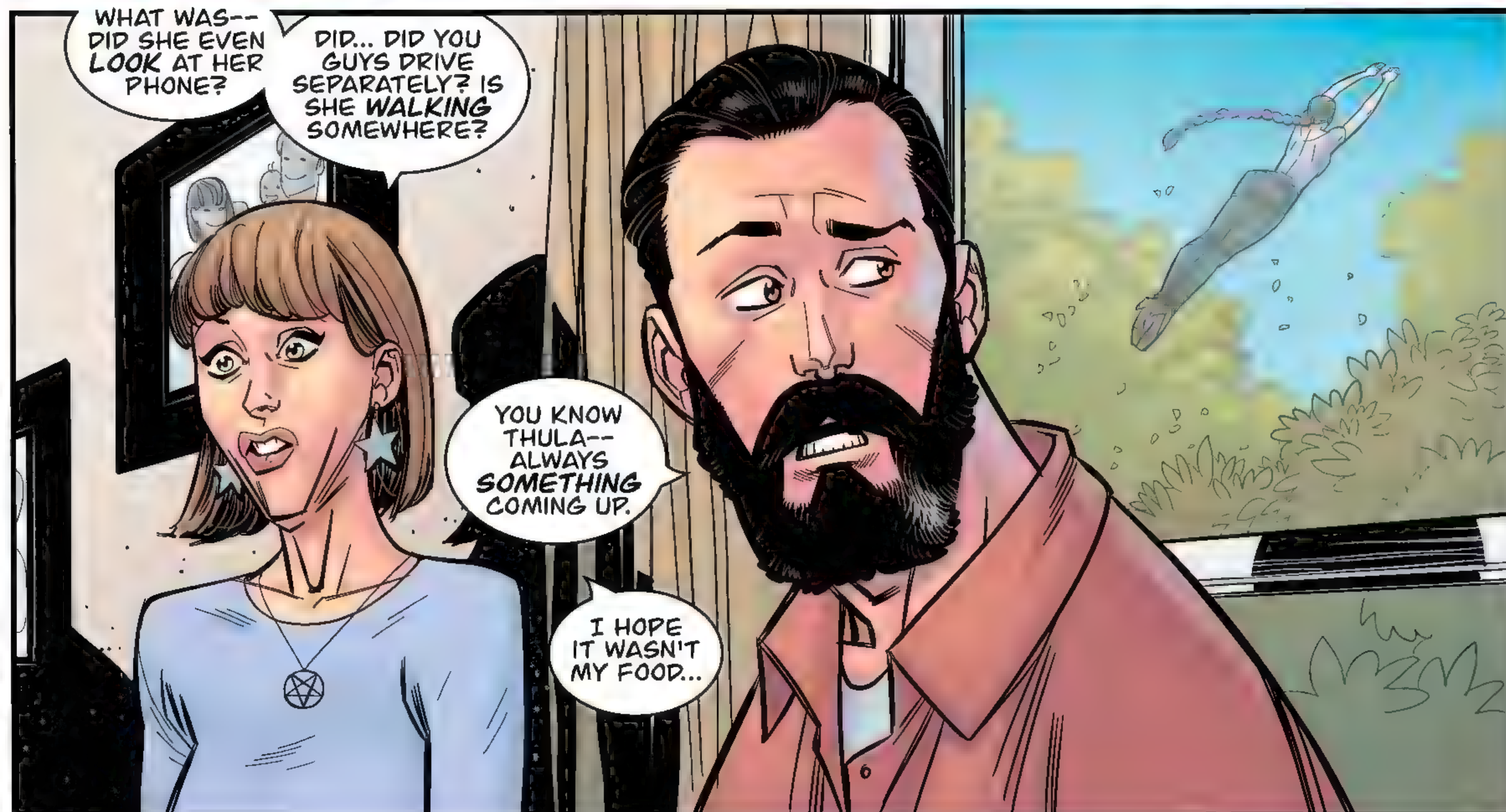
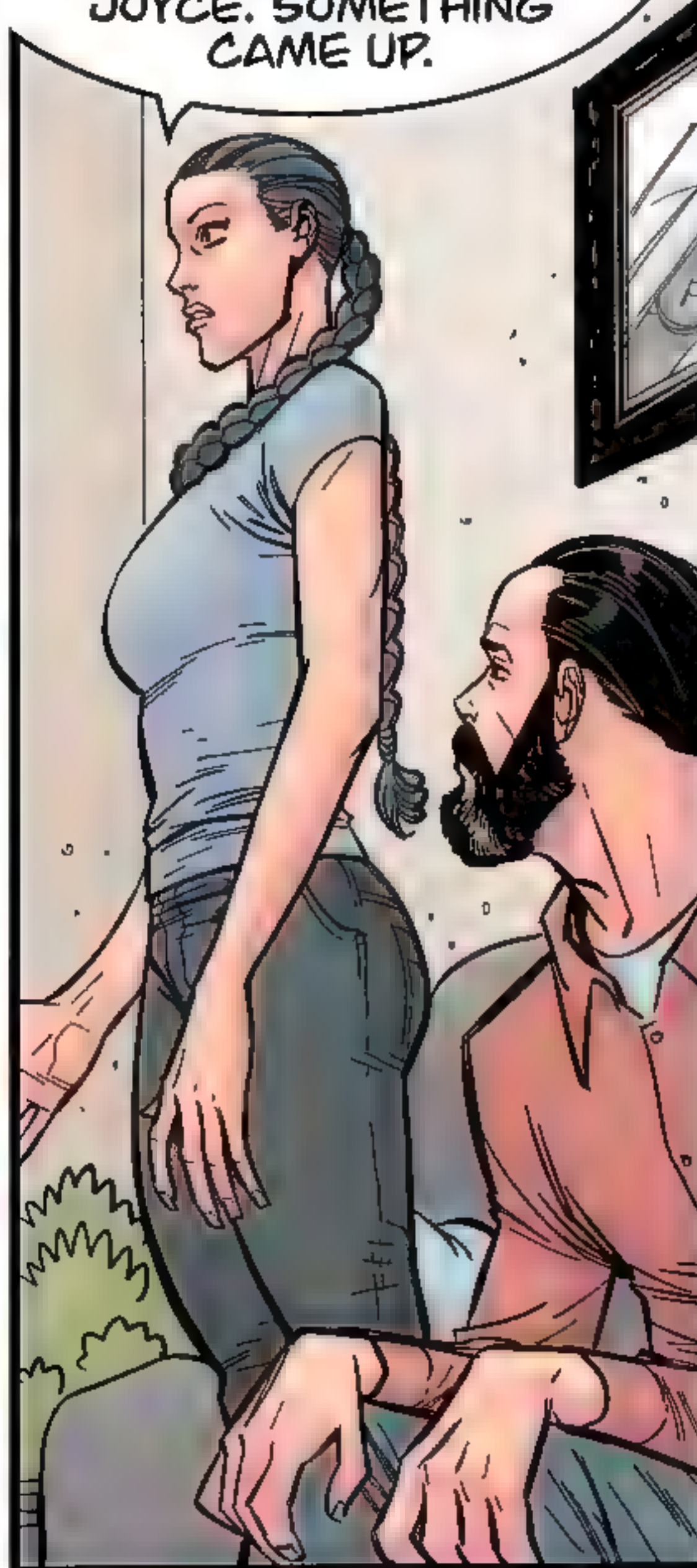
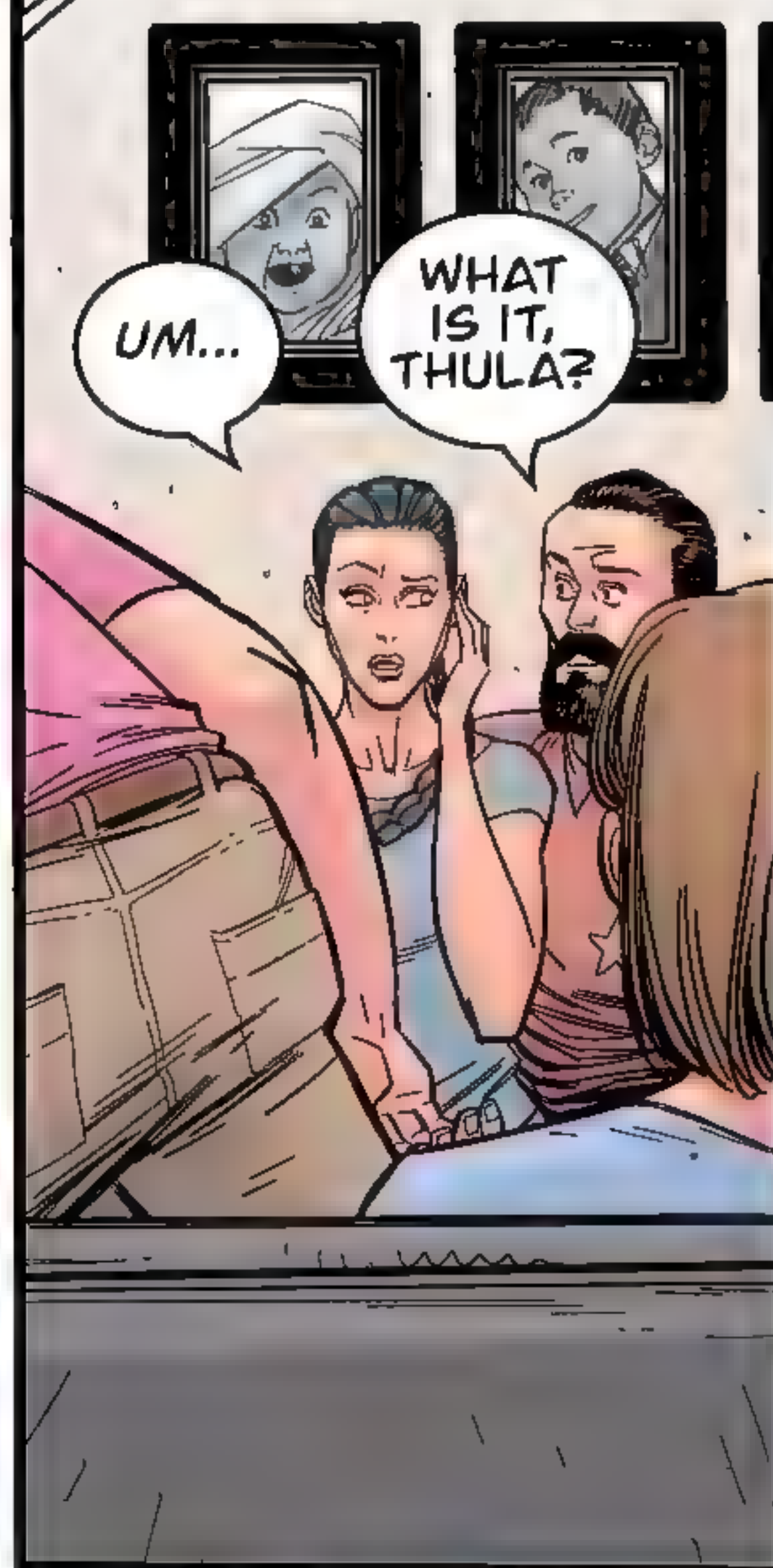
OUR KIDS GET ALONG SO WELL, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE THEY ARE RIGHT NOW!

I'LL GO CHECK ON THEM.

UM...

WHAT IS IT, THULA?

I'M GOING TO HAVE TO GO--I'LL JUST... I'LL SEE YOU BACK AT THE HOUSE? I'M VERY SORRY, JOYCE. SOMETHING CAME UP.

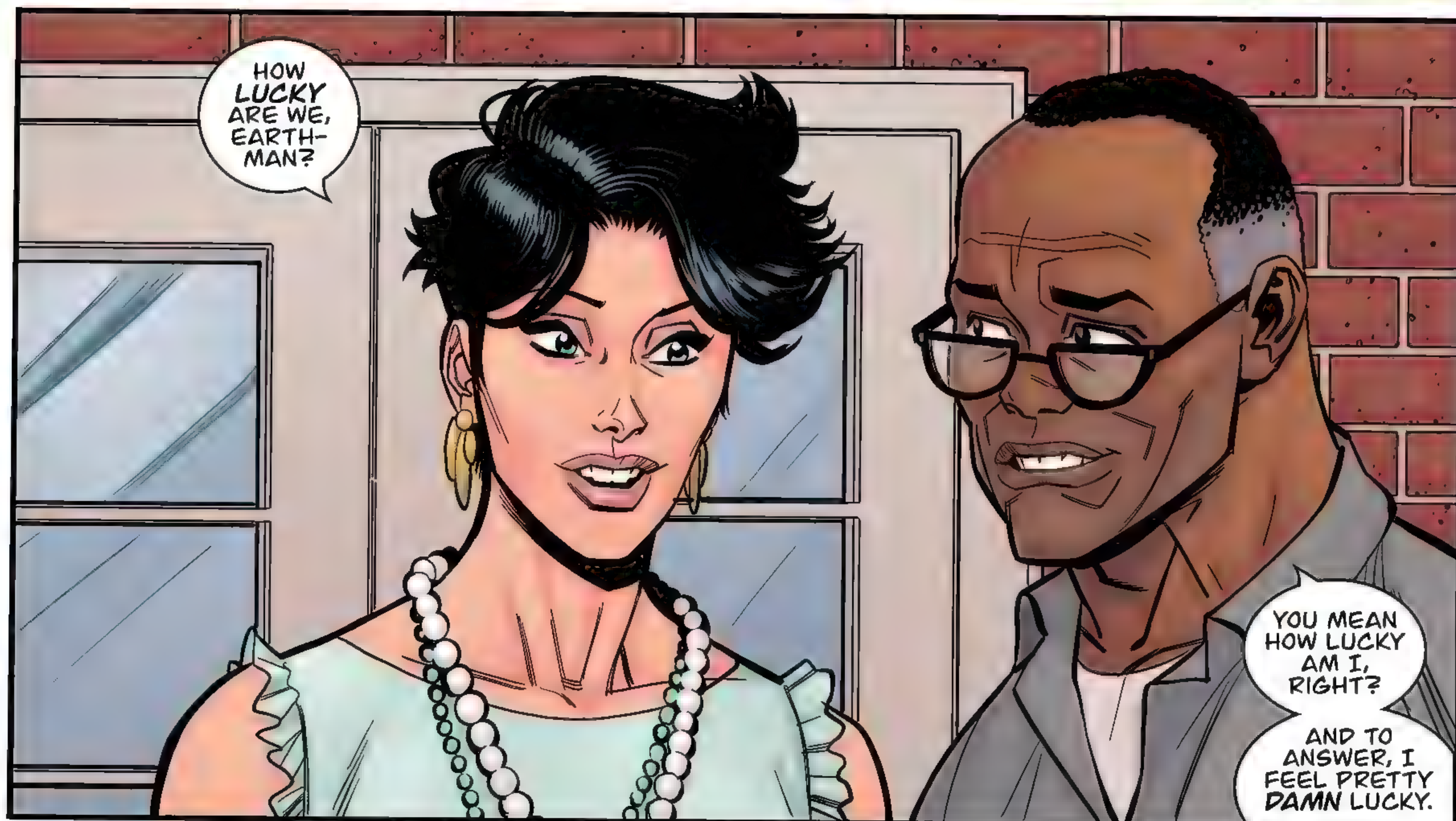
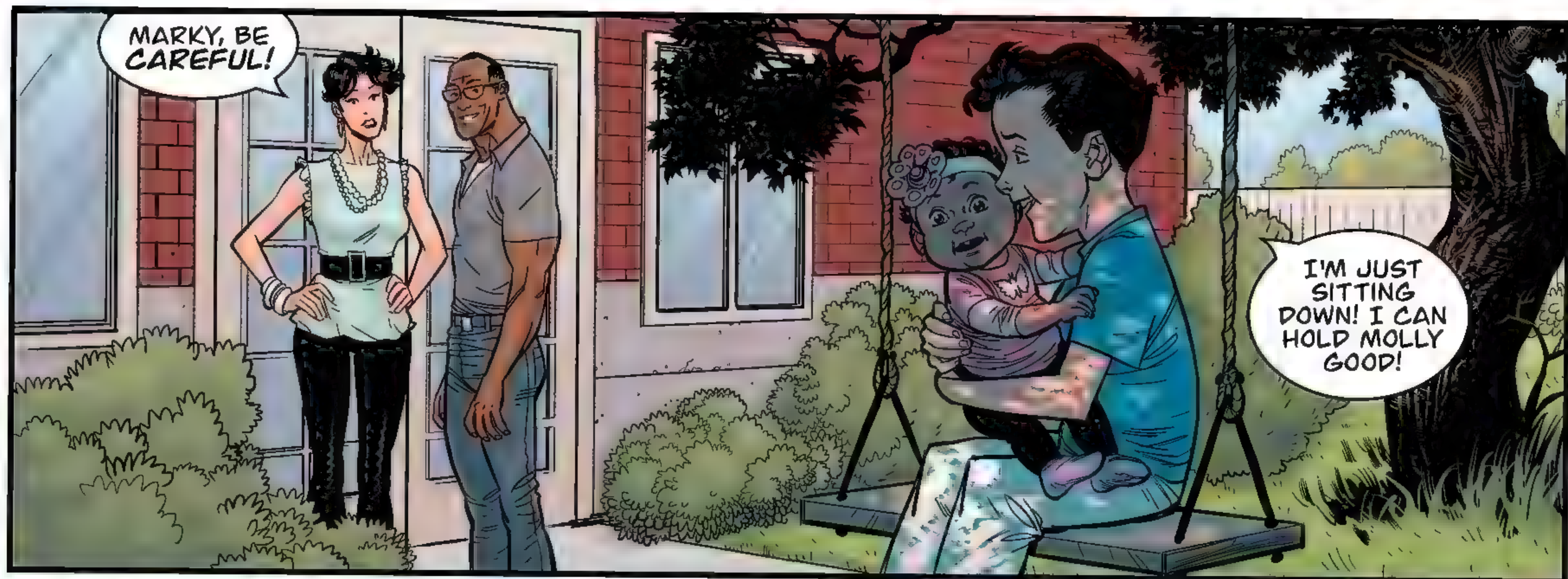


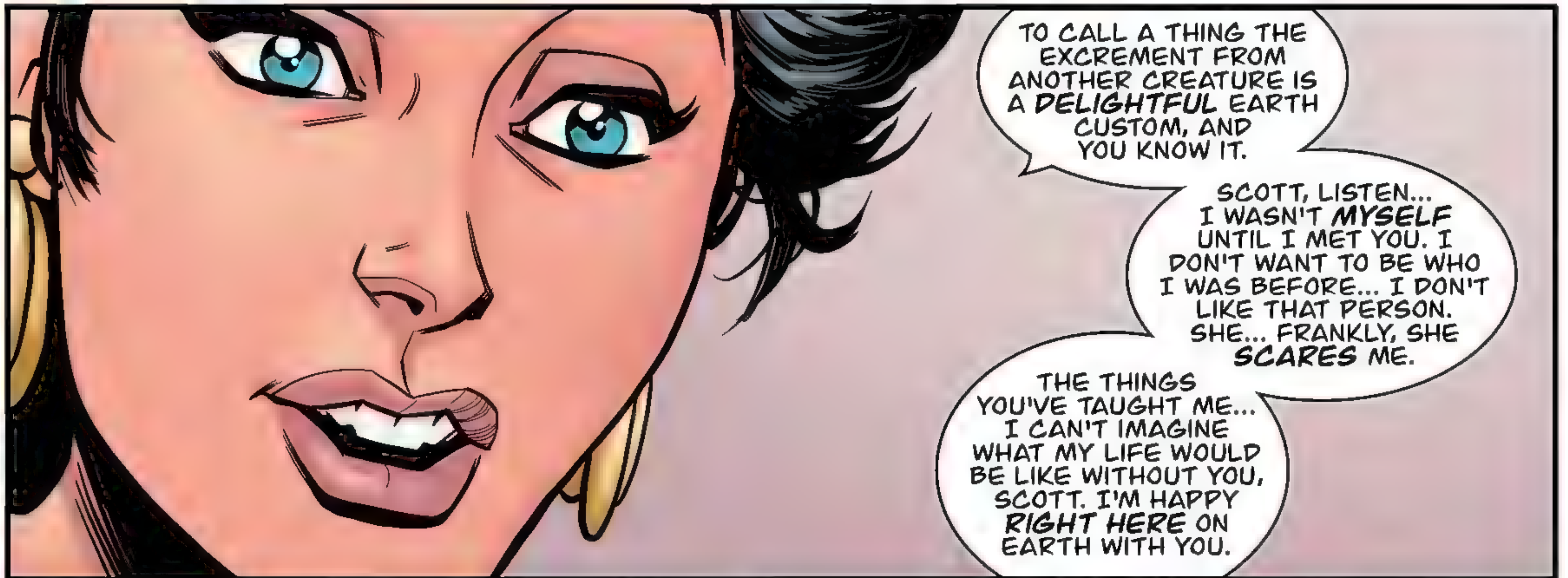
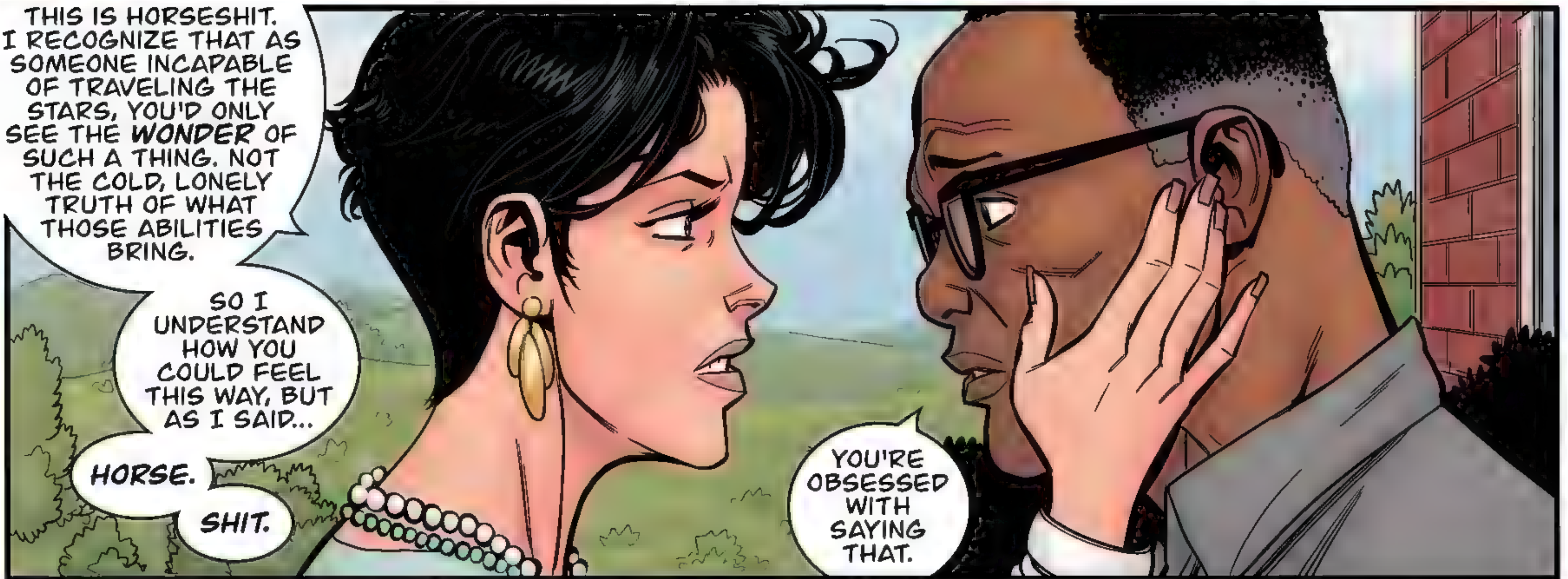
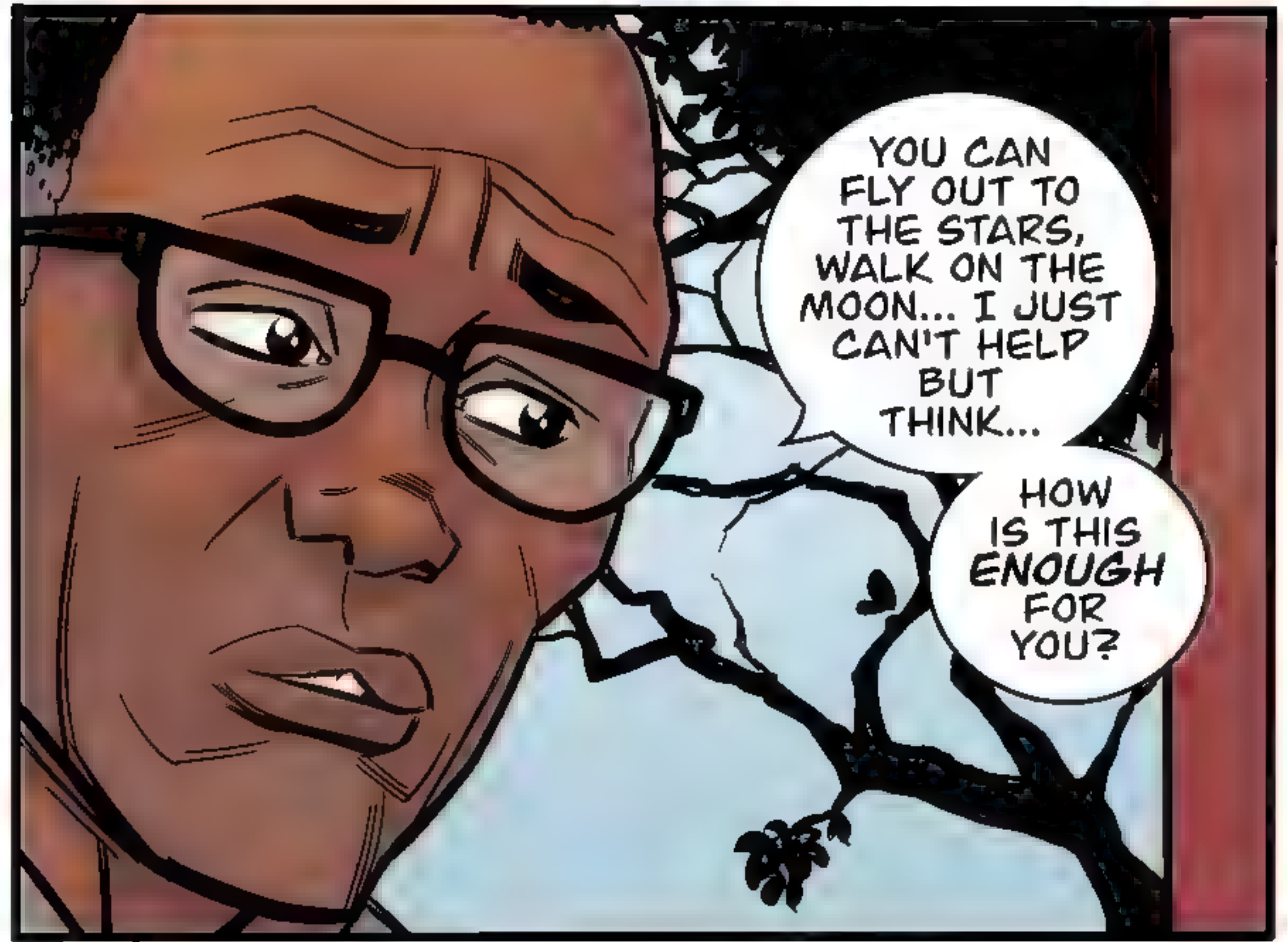
WHAT WAS-- DID SHE EVEN LOOK AT HER PHONE?

DID... DID YOU GUYS DRIVE SEPARATELY? IS SHE WALKING SOMEWHERE?

YOU KNOW THULA-- ALWAYS SOMETHING COMING UP.

I HOPE IT WASN'T MY FOOD...







THRAGG IS COMING, AND HE'S BRINGING HIS NEW VILTRUMITE ARMY. THEY GREATLY OUTNUMBER US... BUT THEY ARE NOT AS STRONG AS US... YET.

WE'VE LURED THEM CLOSER TO EARTH SO THAT YOU CAN ASSIST IN THE FIGHT. I KNOW THIS IS PUTTING ALL OF YOUR FAMILIES AT RISK, BUT THERE JUST WASN'T ANY OTHER WAY.

THIS WON'T BE AN EASY FIGHT--WE ALL KNOW HOW DEADLY THRAGG IS. I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR, I AM NOT ORDERING YOU TO ASSIST US.

I AM SIMPLY ASKING THAT YOU CONSIDER IT.



WE DON'T NEED TO CONSIDER IT. IF THRAGG THREATENS EARTH--YOU CAN COUNT ON US TO STOP HIM.

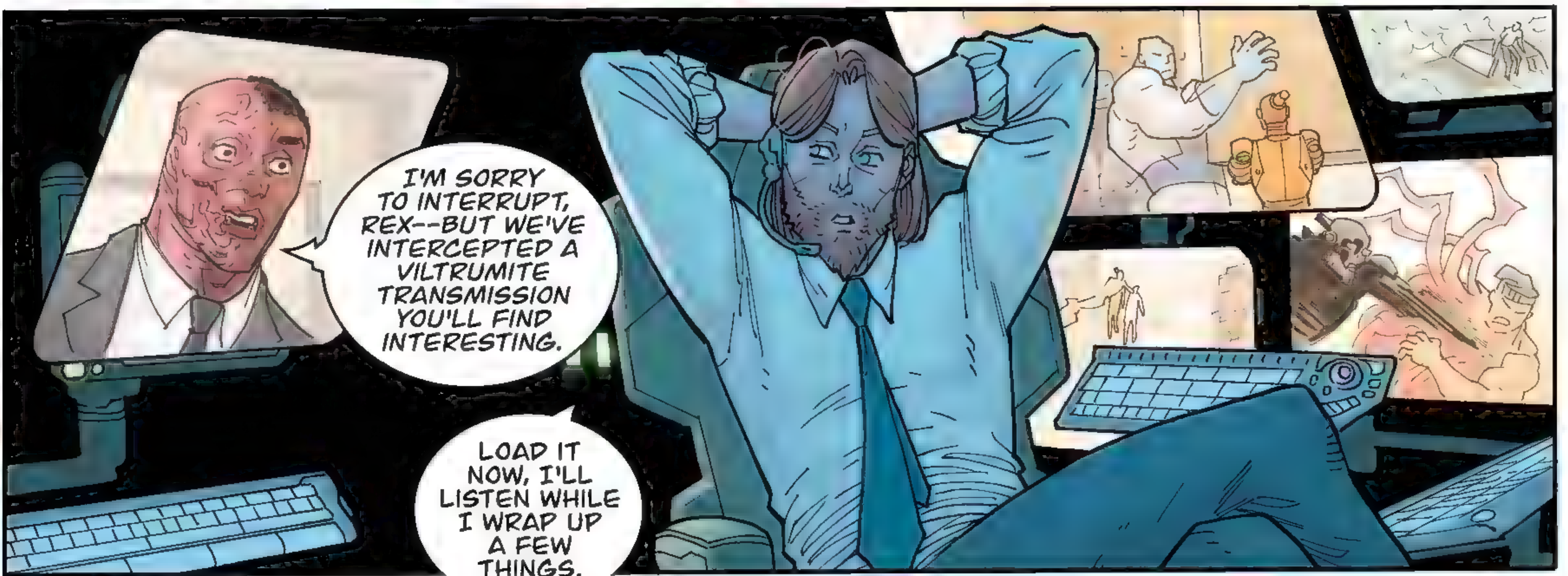
YES.

WE WILL MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR WAR--AT ONCE!



HOW DID YOU FIND US--YOU HAVE EYES EVERYWHERE?!

SO, YOU REALIZE THE FUTILITY OF OPPOSING ME.



I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT, REX--BUT WE'VE INTERCEPTED A VILTRUMITE TRANSMISSION YOU'LL FIND INTERESTING.

LOAD IT NOW, I'LL LISTEN WHILE I WRAP UP A FEW THINGS.



I AM STILL NOT HAPPY WITH YOU. YOU FORCED MY HAND.

STOP LOOKING SO DAMN PLEASED WITH YOURSELF, SON.

DON'T I KIND OF ALWAYS DO THAT? ISN'T THAT OUR THING? YOU WANT TO DO THE RIGHT THING--I JUST TAKE AWAY THE CHOICE.

I'M SORRY, I CAN'T HELP IT. MY PLAN WORKED.

AND YOU DON'T YET KNOW THE FULL CONSEQUENCES OF THIS PLAN.

I KNOW THAT. I DO.

I JUST HONESTLY THINK IT'S A WIN IN AND OF ITSELF TO SEE VILTRUMITES... CARING FOR THEIR FAMILIES ON EARTH.

I KNOW, I KNOW.

IT'S JUST... I DON'T KNOW, REASSURING TO SEE IT TAKING HOLD SO QUICKLY.

I WILL ADMIT, TO SEE THE CHANGES OUR TIME ON EARTH HAS BROUGHT EVEN TO THE HARDEST VILTRUMITES AMONG US... IT IS REMARKABLE.

SOME OF THEM-- SEEM ALMOST COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.

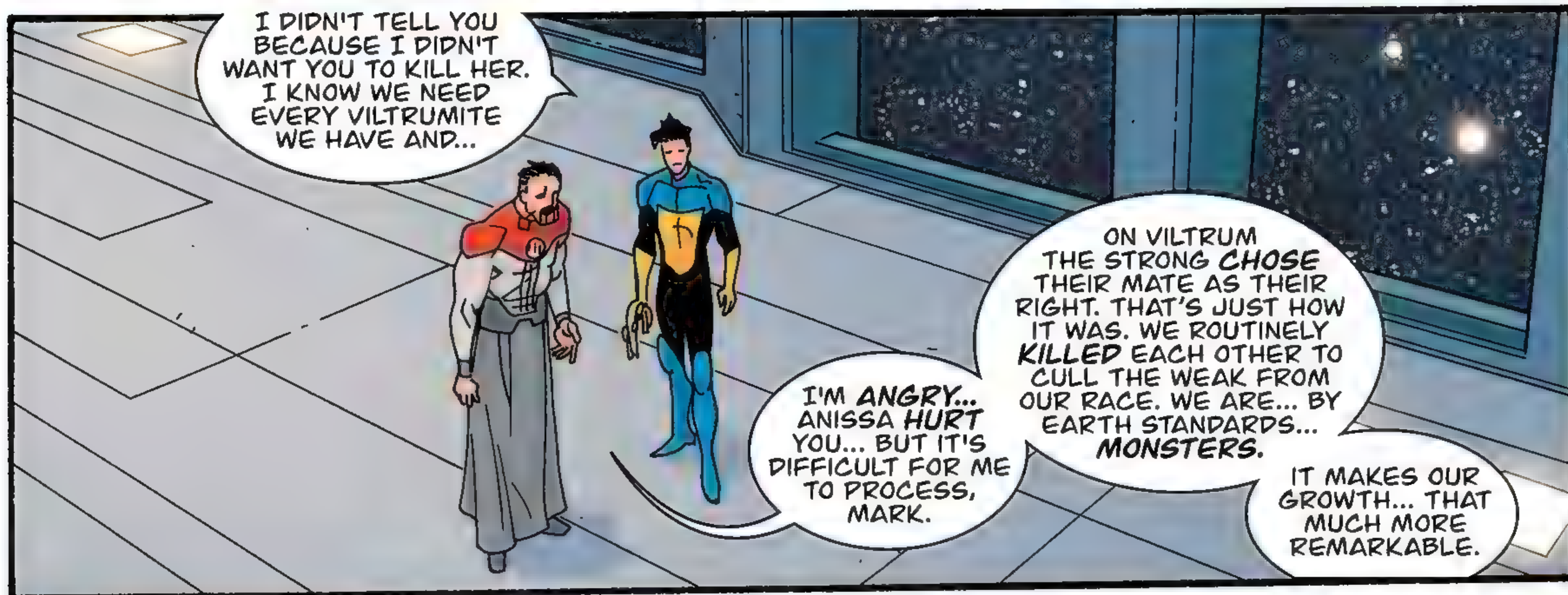
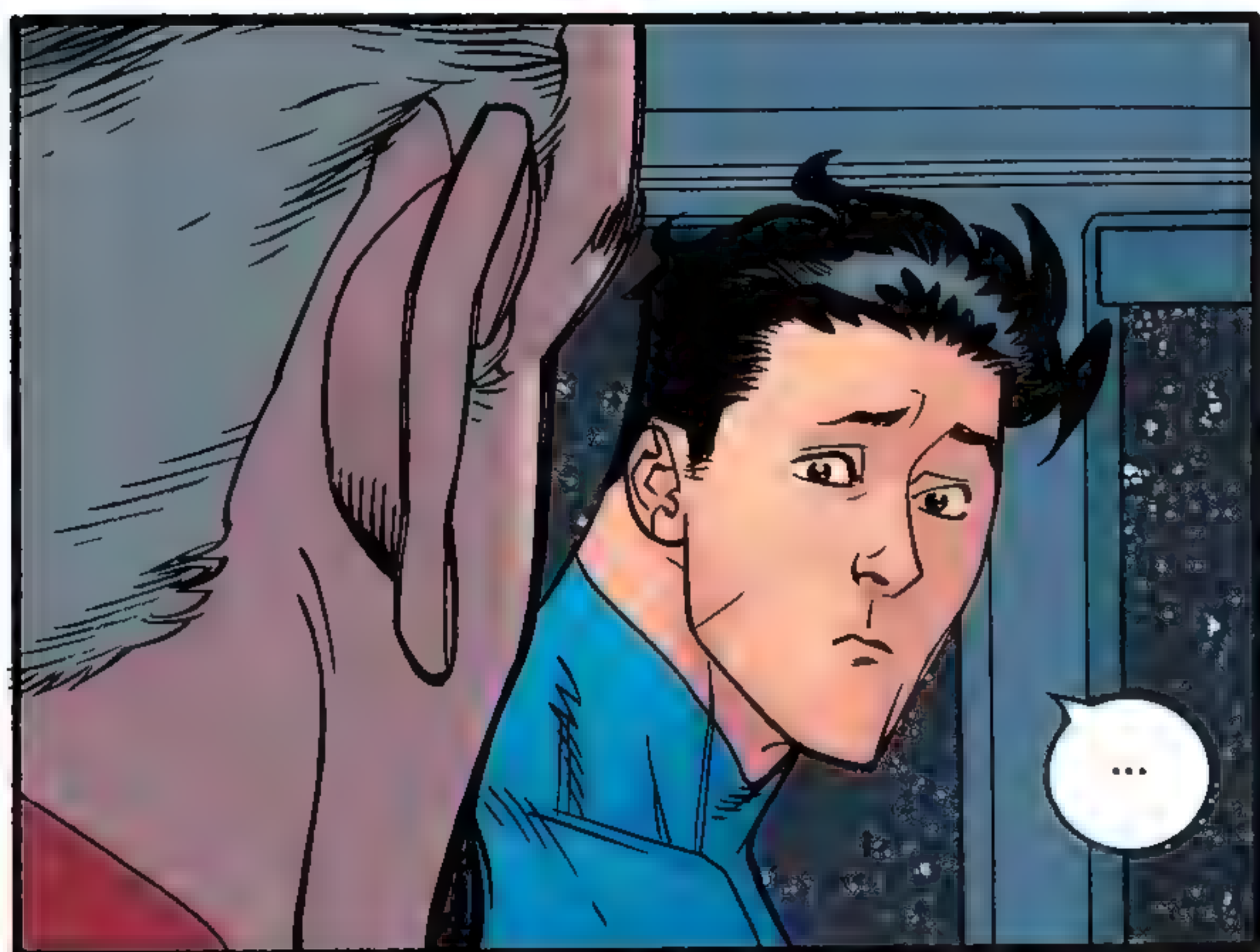
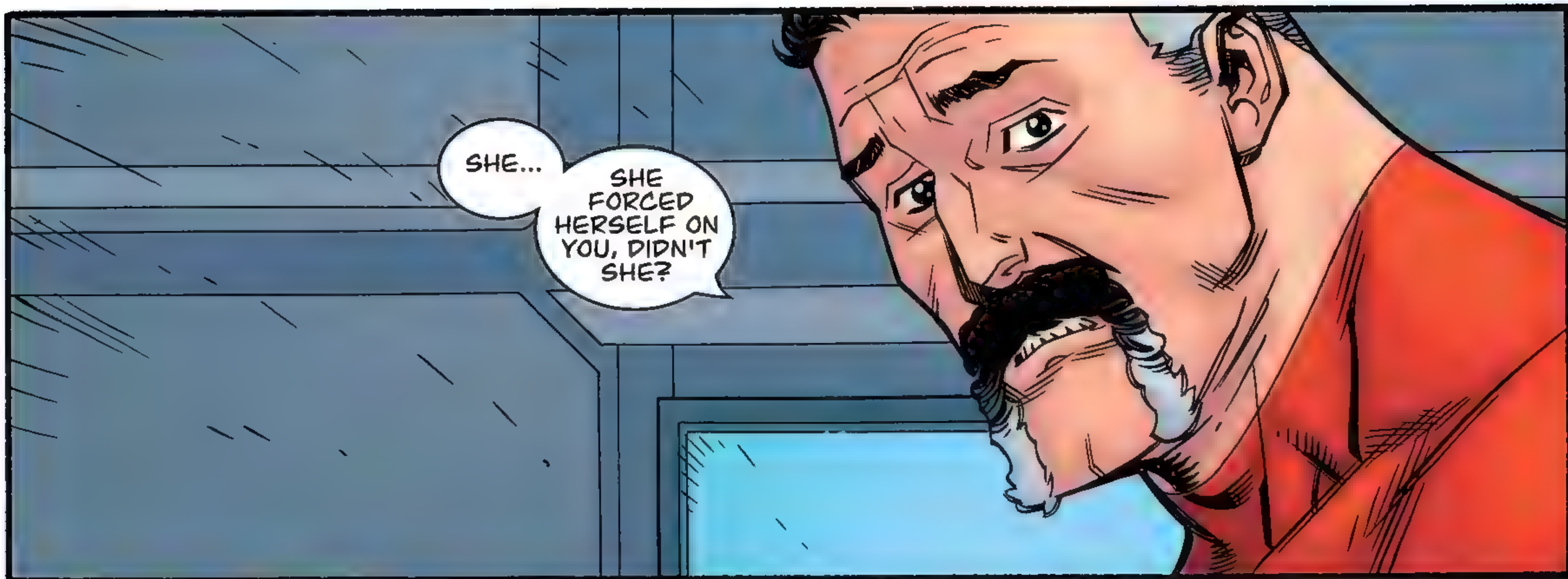
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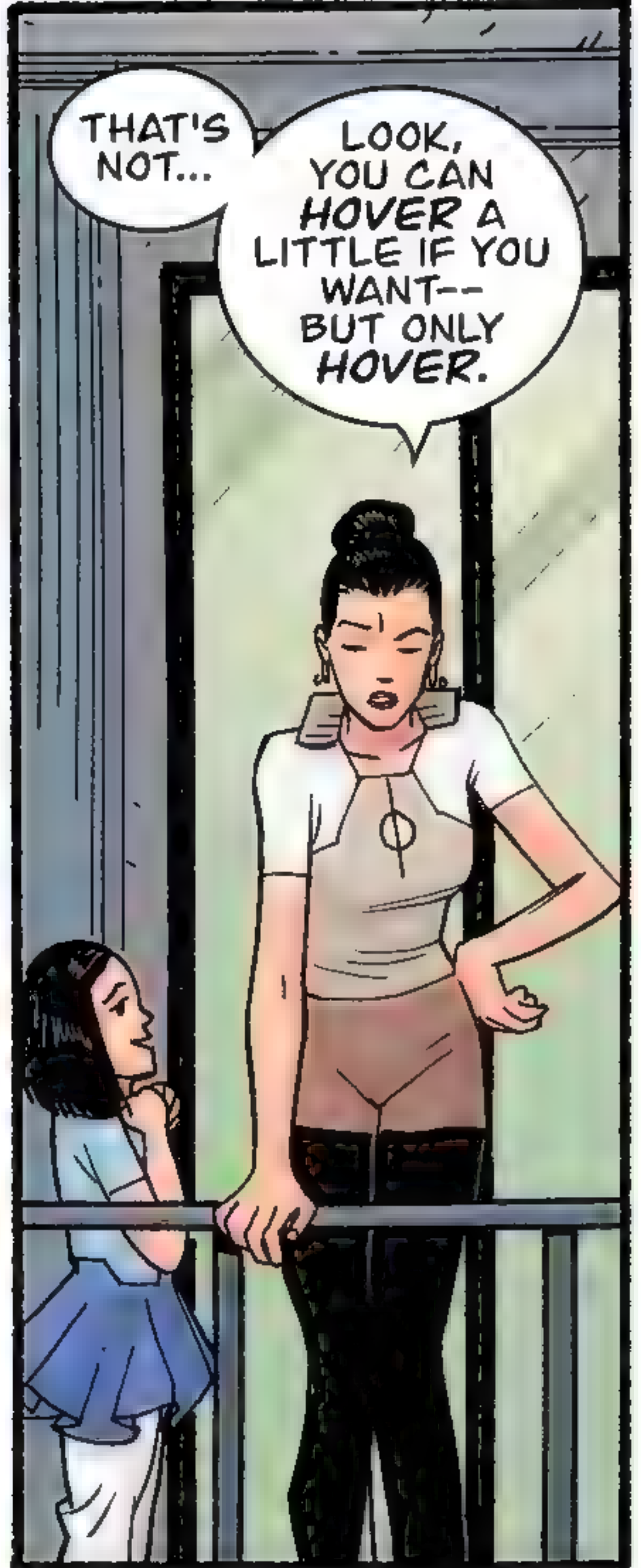
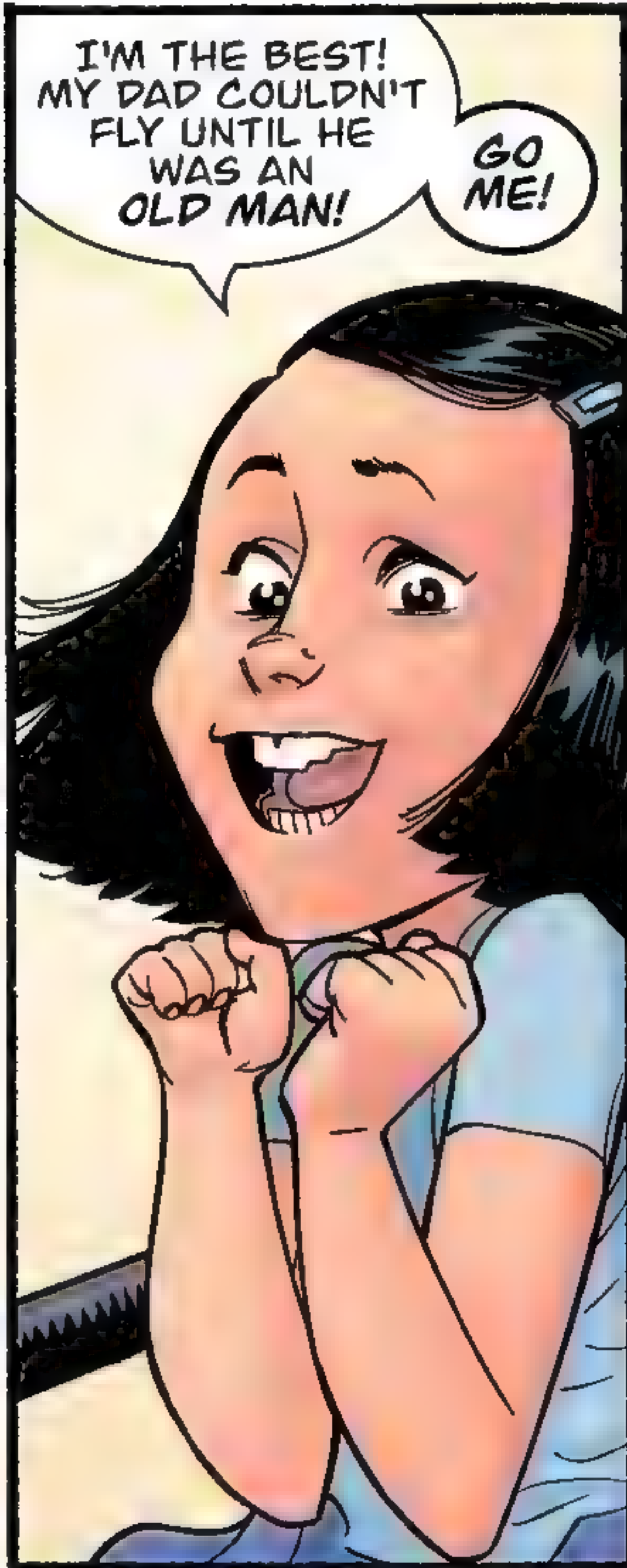
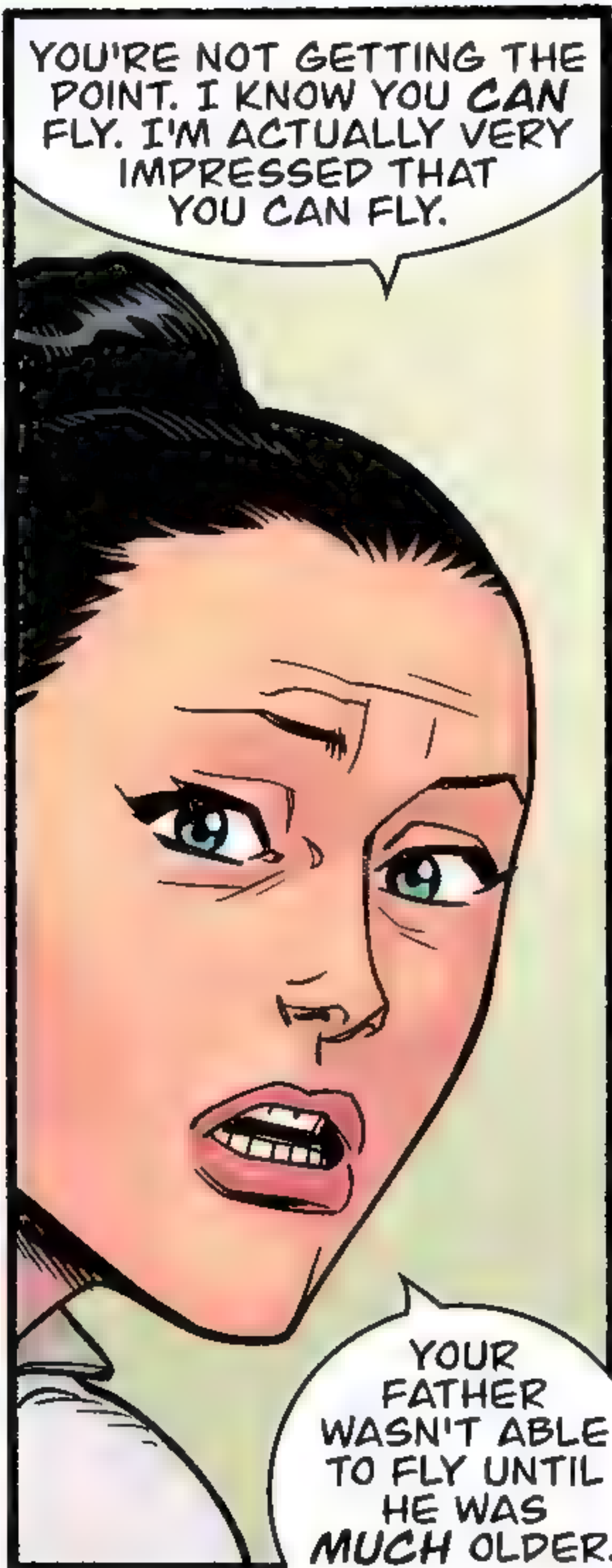
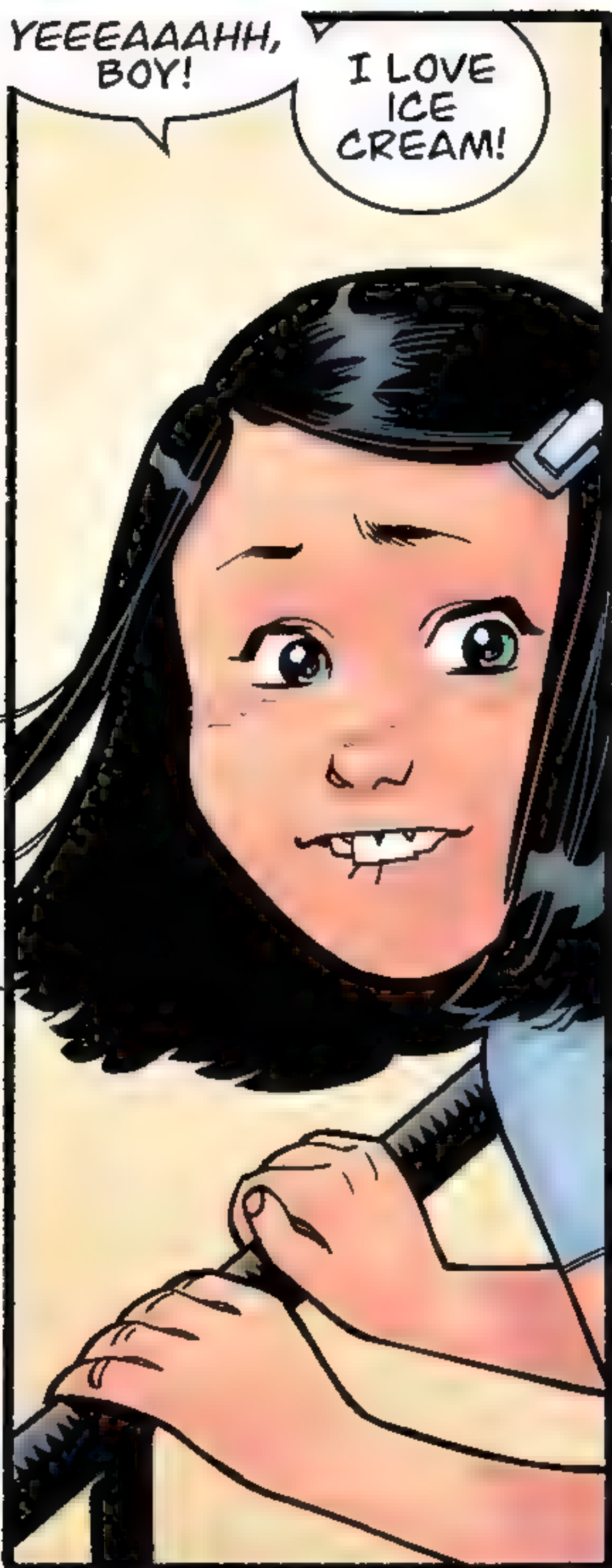
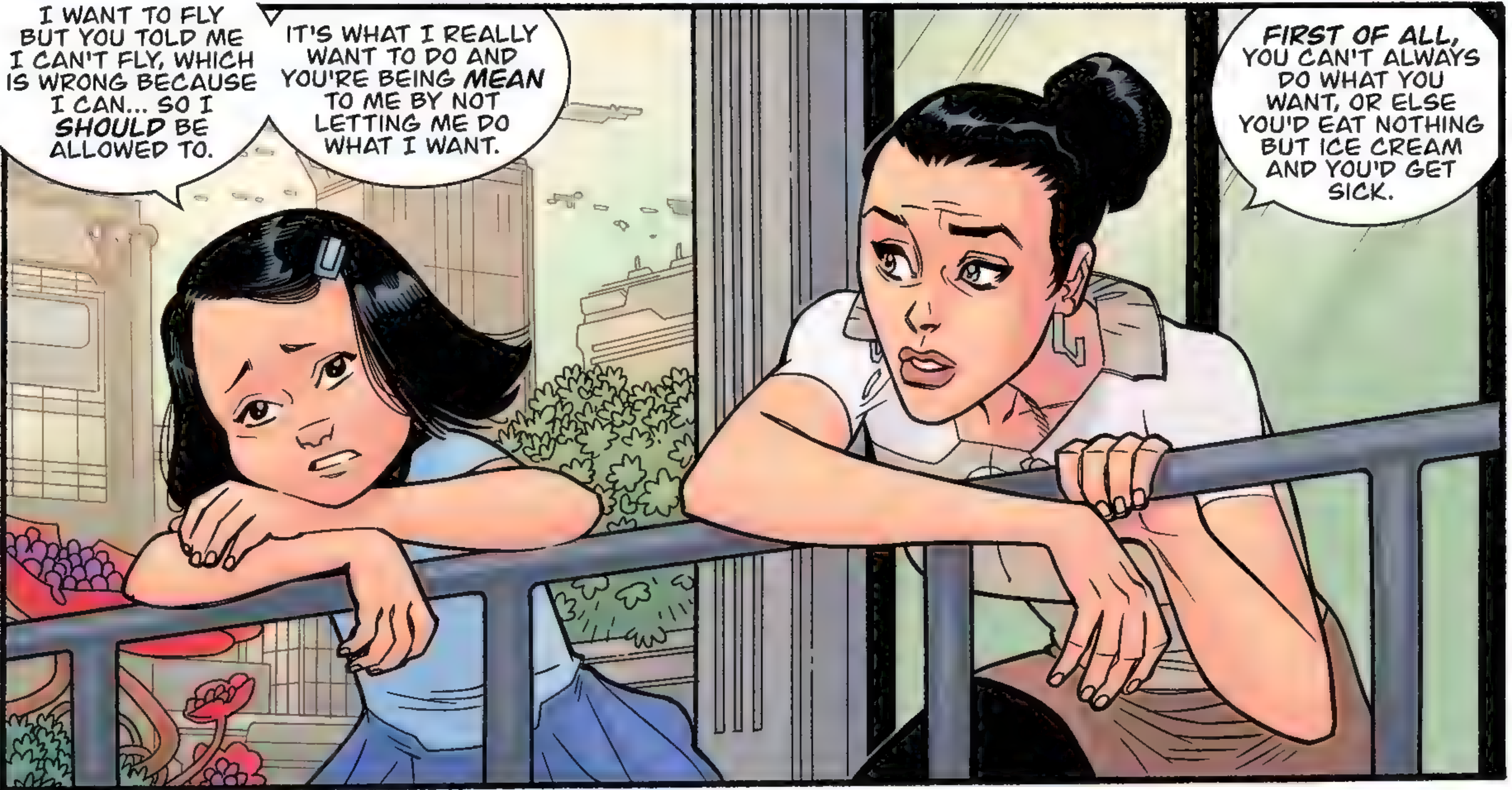
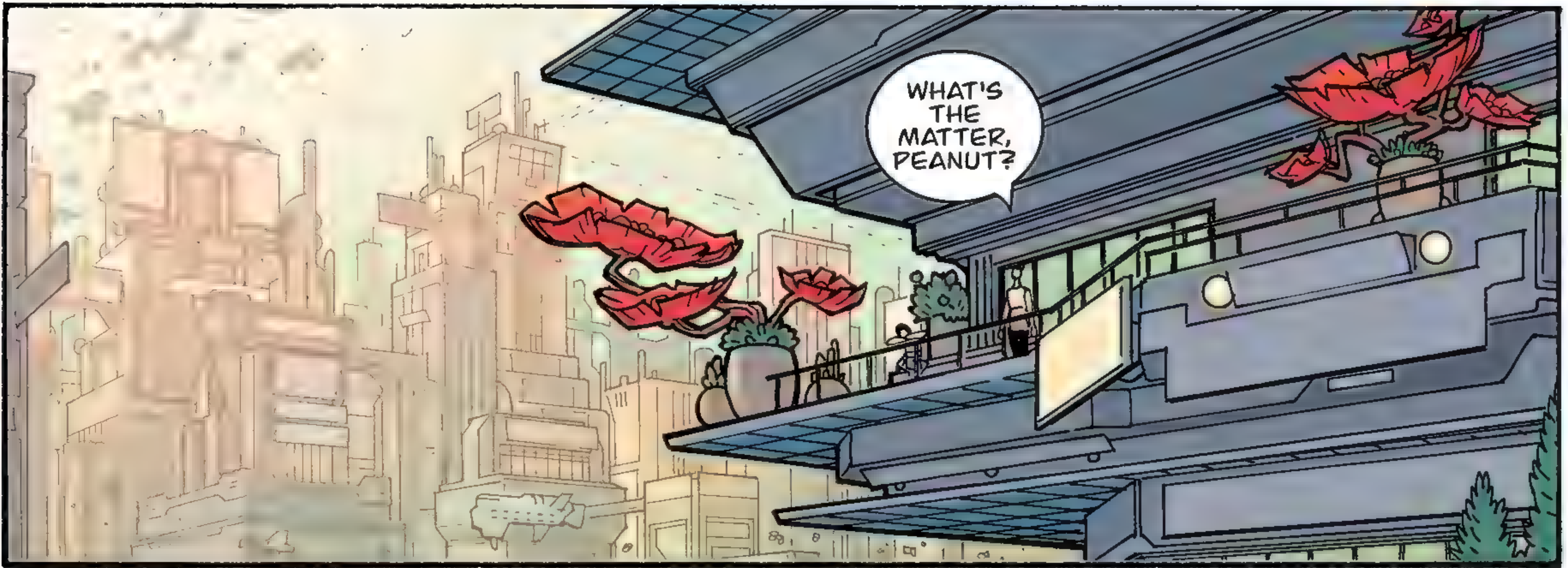
THERE'S STILL A LOT LEFT TO NAVIGATE. WE HAVEN'T WON JUST YET.

LIKE ANISSA?

MARK-- WHAT IS IT BETWEEN YOU TWO?

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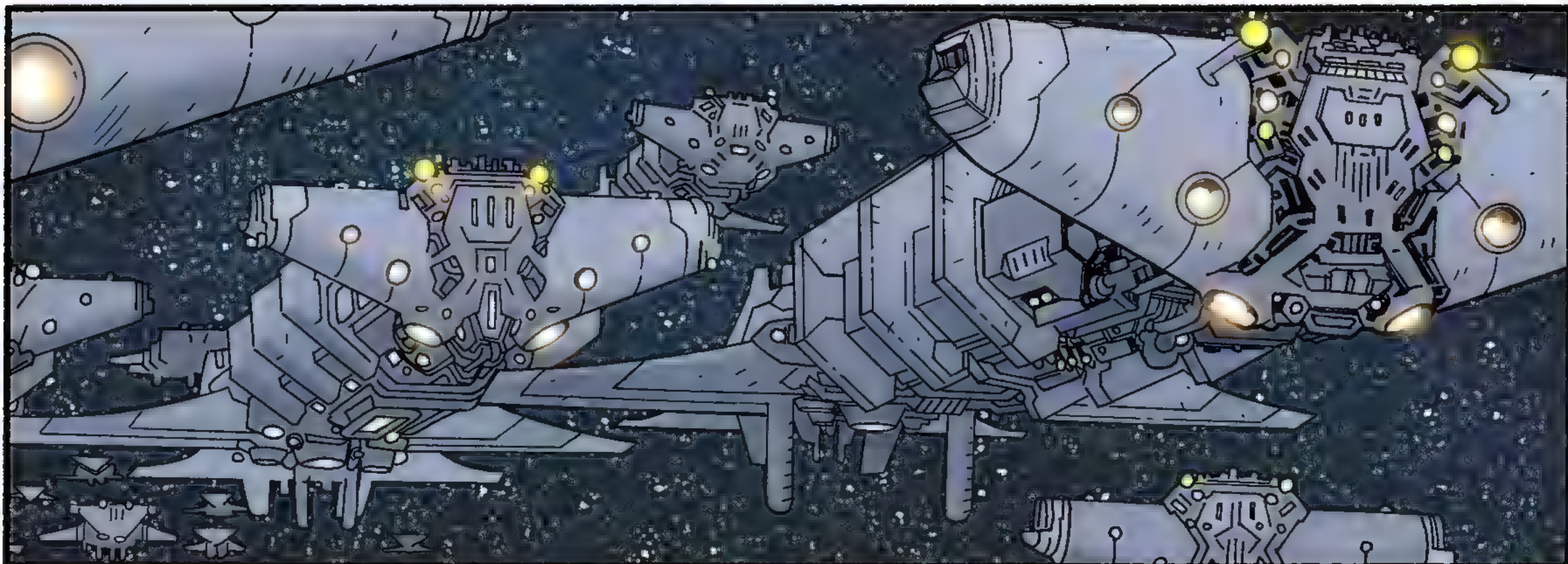






TERRA,
GET US
BACK TO THE
BALCONY
RIGHT
NOW!

I CAN'T!



YOU'RE GOING TO BE OKAY. I TALKED TO THE DOCTORS, AND THEY SAID YOU'RE HEALING UP NICELY. YOU'LL BE IN FIGHTING SHAPE IN NO TIME.



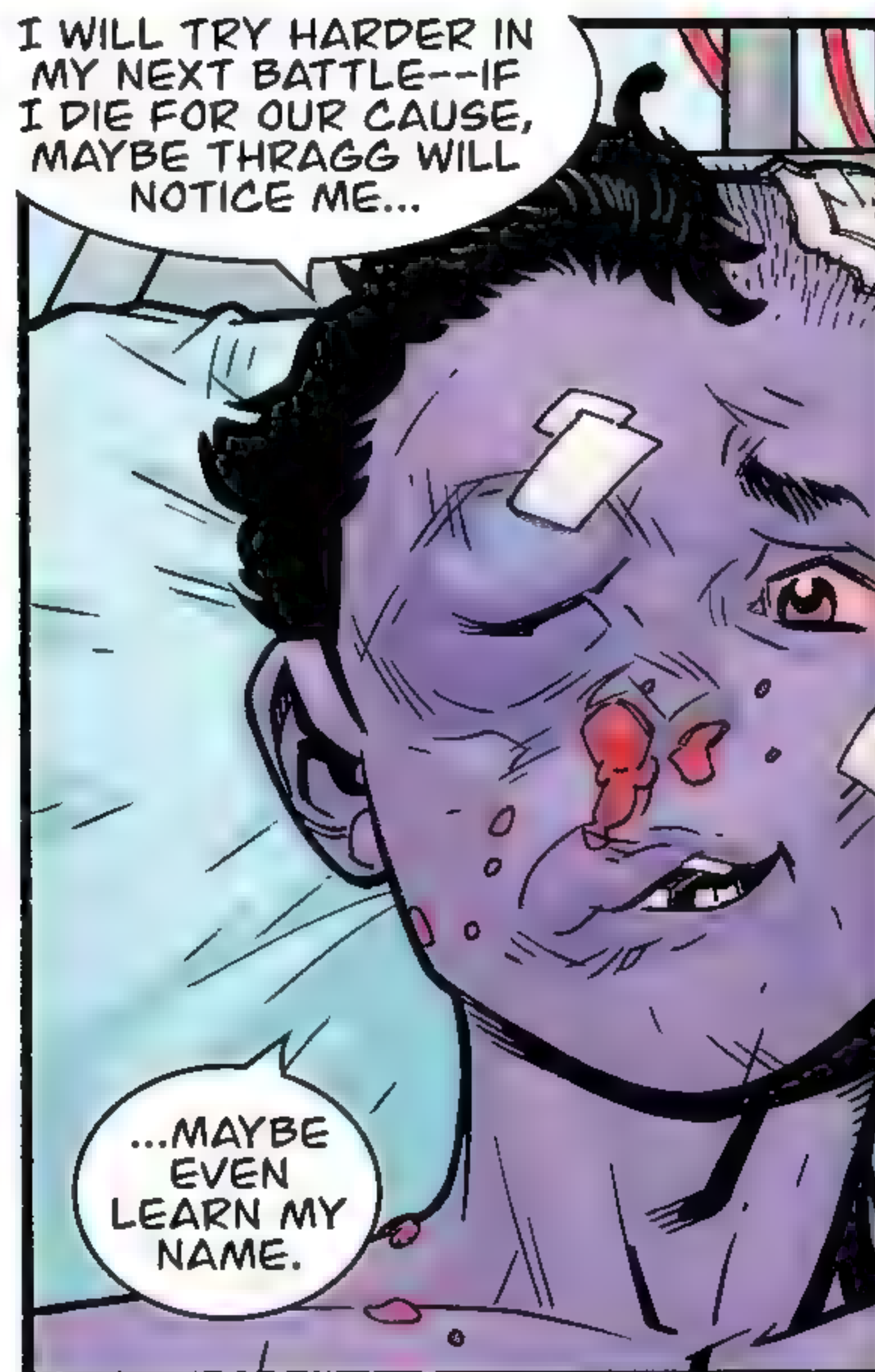
I'M SORRY, URSAAL. I'M SO SORRY I DIDN'T DIE.



WHAT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT?

I WILL TRY HARDER IN MY NEXT BATTLE--IF I DIE FOR OUR CAUSE, MAYBE THRAGG WILL NOTICE ME...

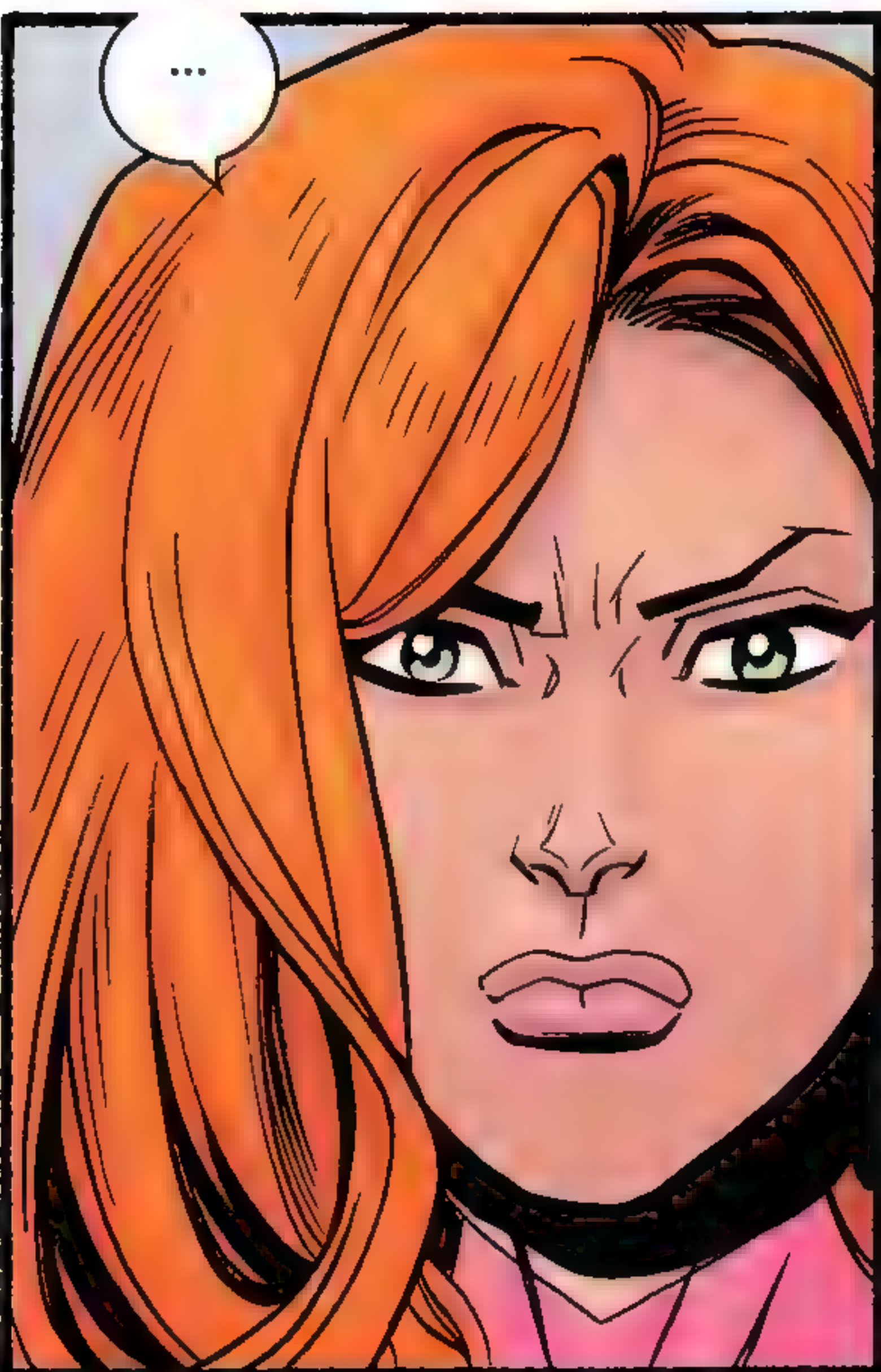


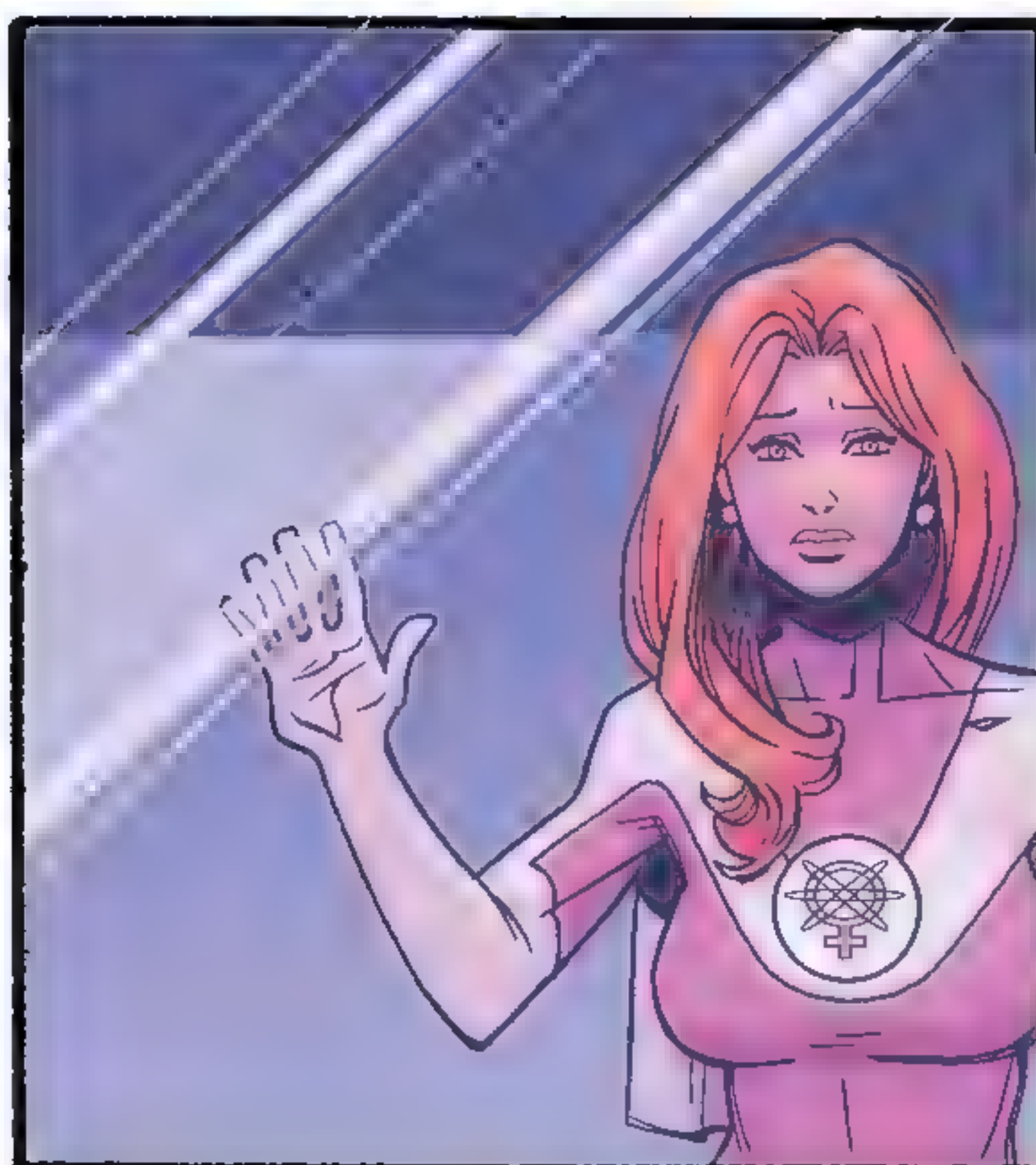
...MAYBE EVEN LEARN MY NAME.

OUR FATHER LOVES US ALL. YOU HAVE TO KNOW THIS. WE WERE CREATED FOR A **GRAND PURPOSE**--TO RESTORE THE EMPIRE TO ITS FORMER GLORY. YOU DON'T NEED TO DIE TO EARN HIS FAVOR, YOUNG ONE.



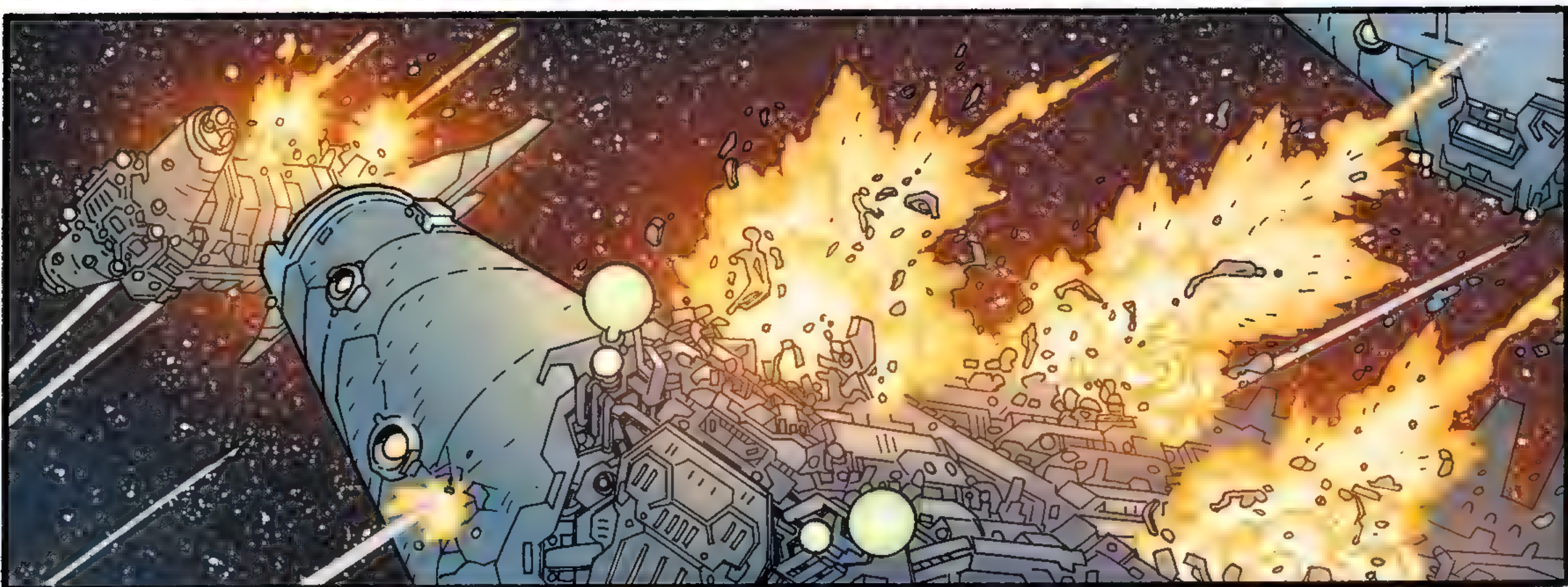
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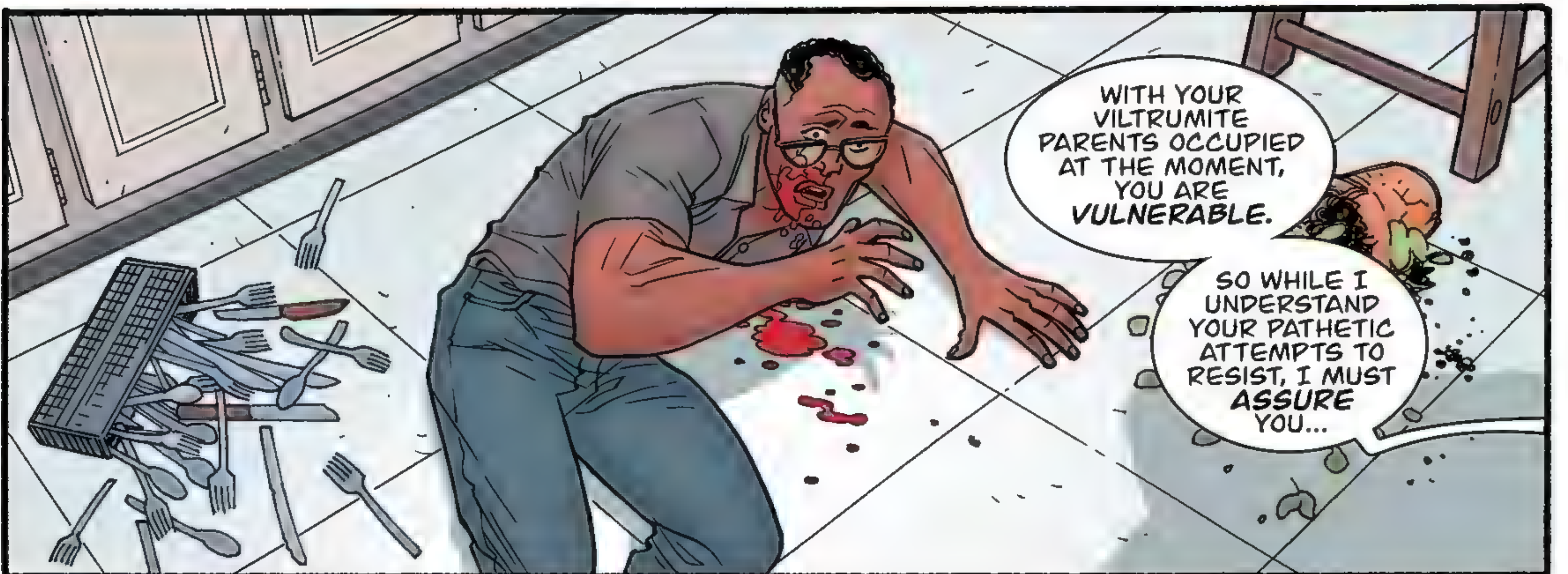
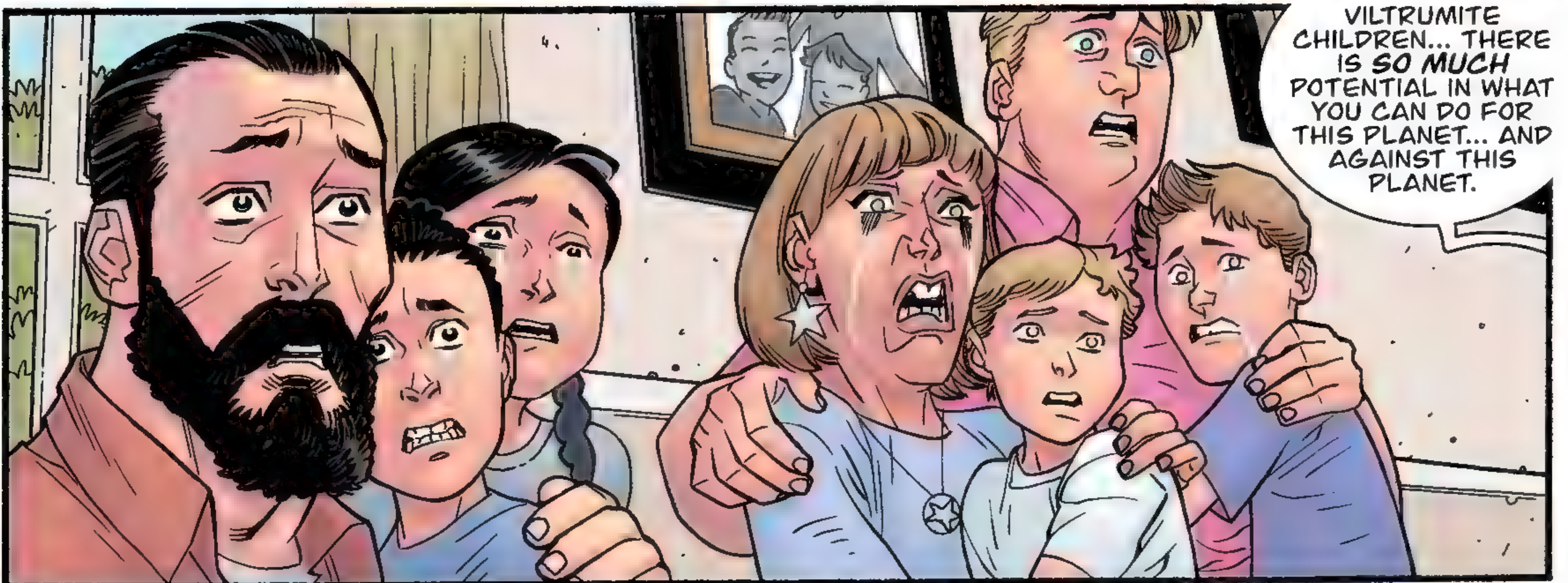
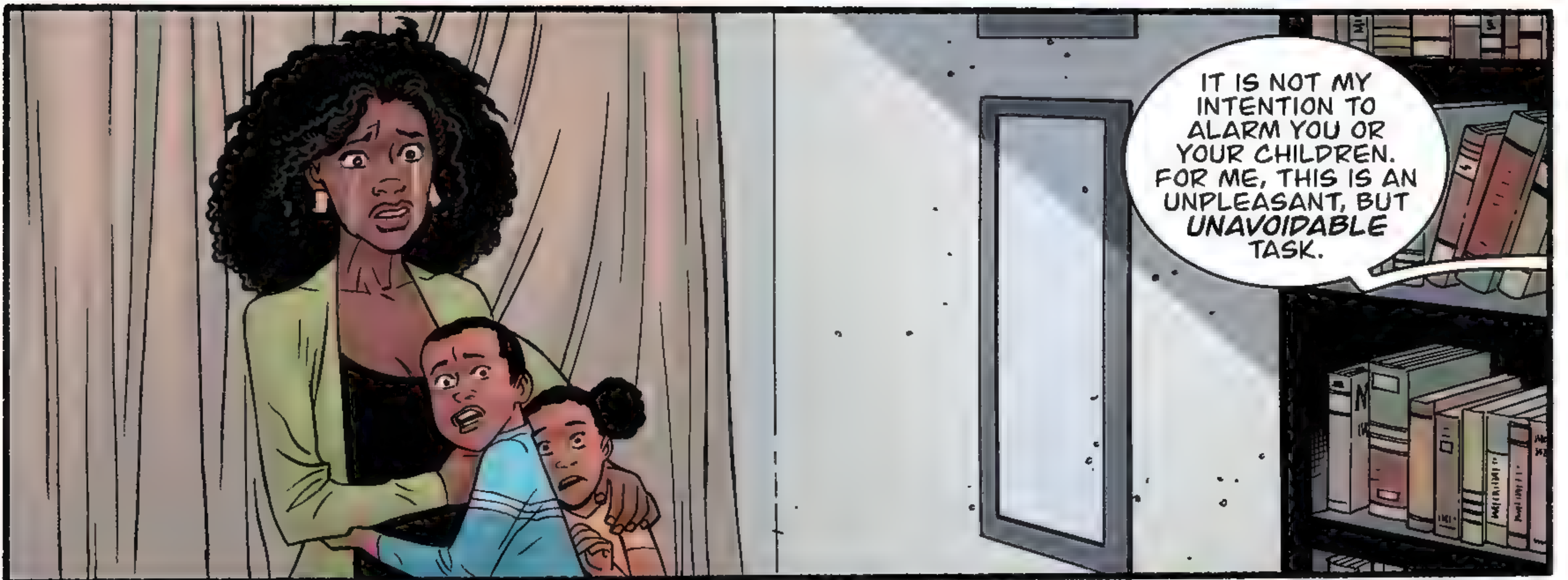
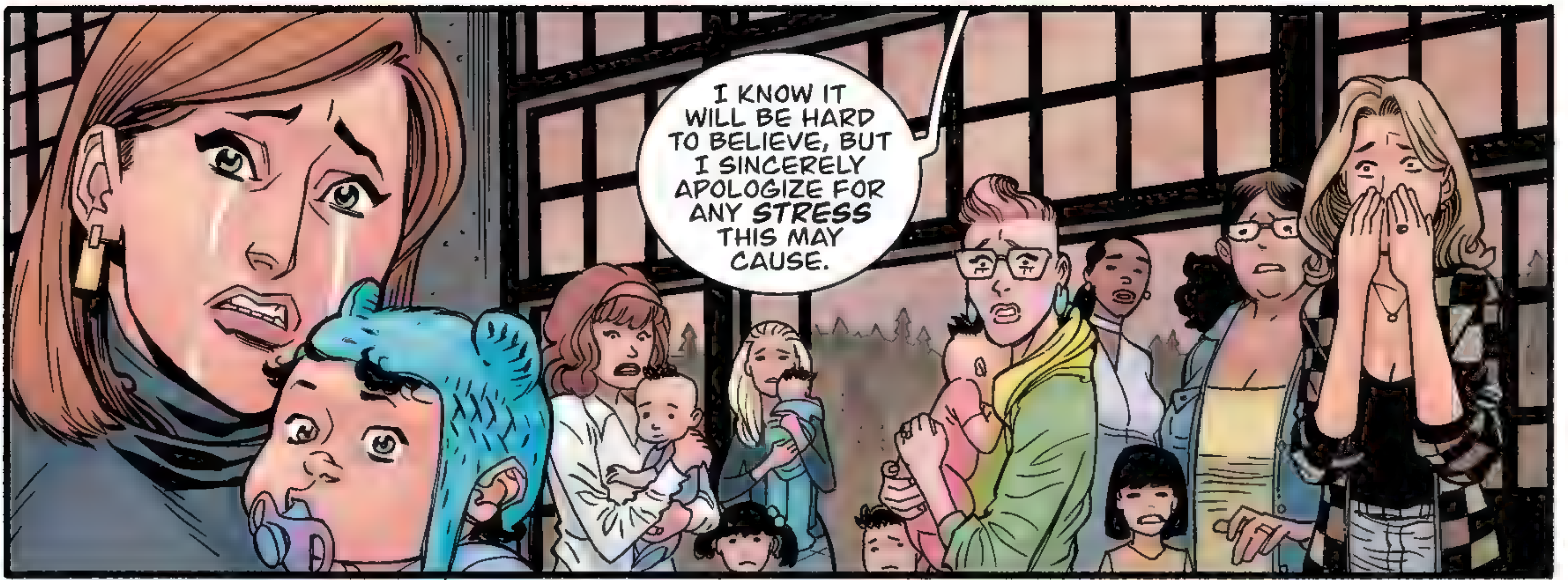


"--IT'S SO THEY
CAN'T SEE OUR
ADDITIONAL FORCES
UNTIL IT'S
TOO LATE."









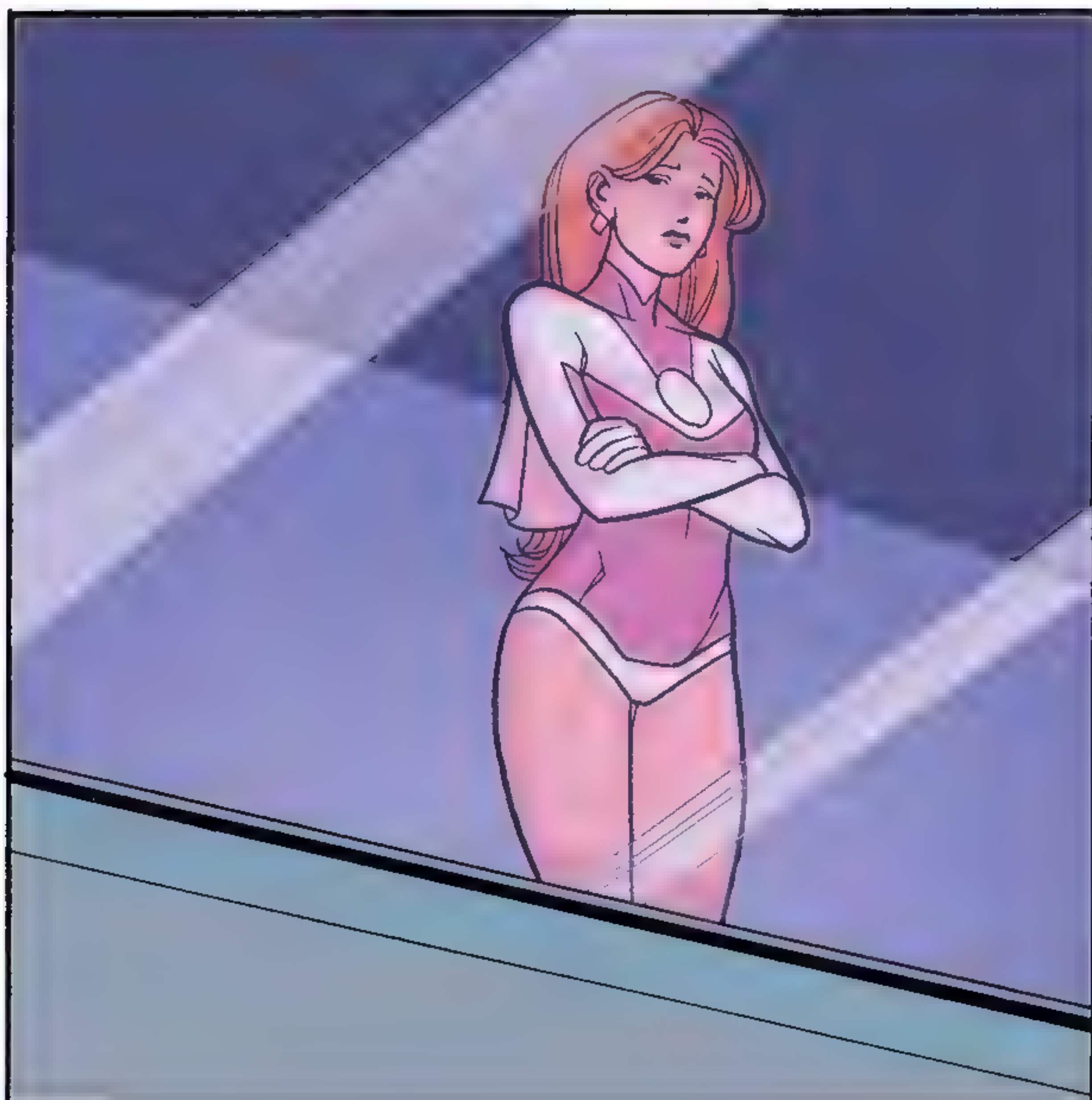
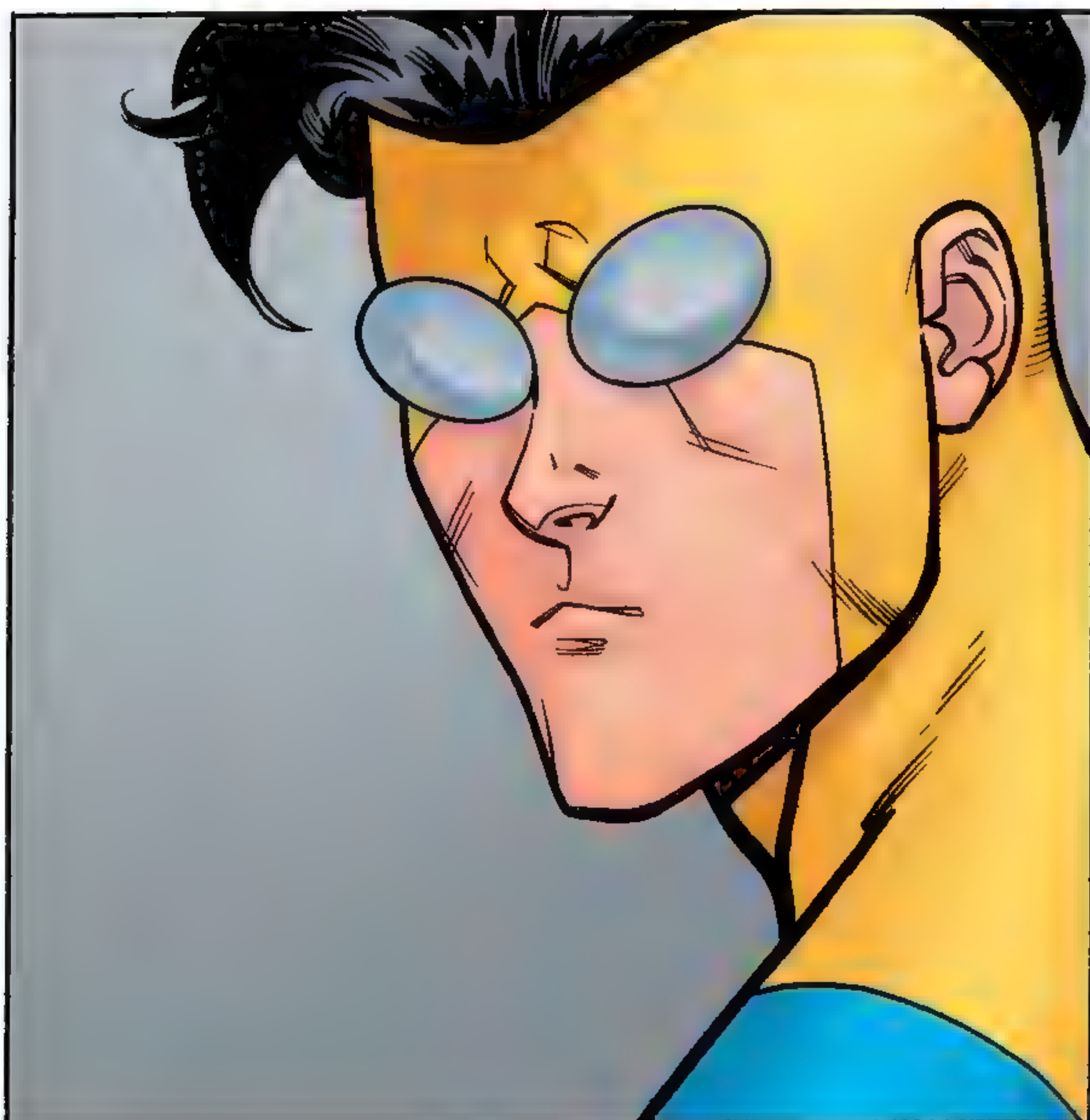
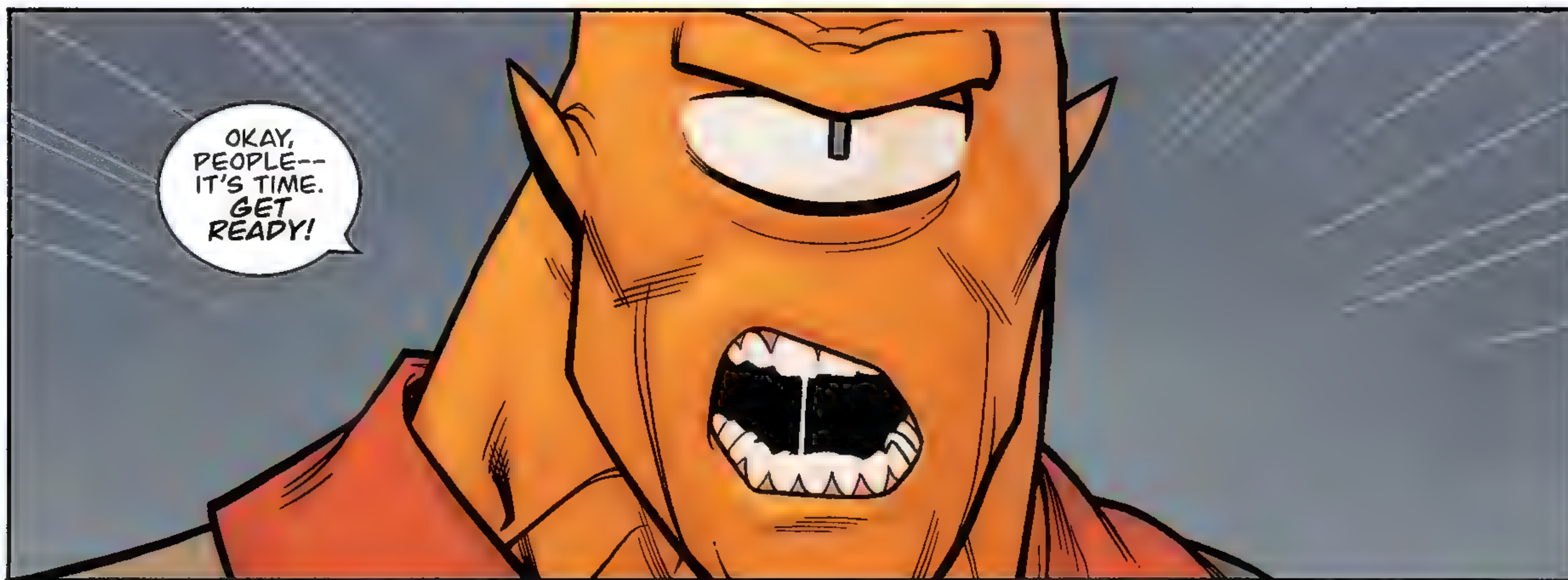
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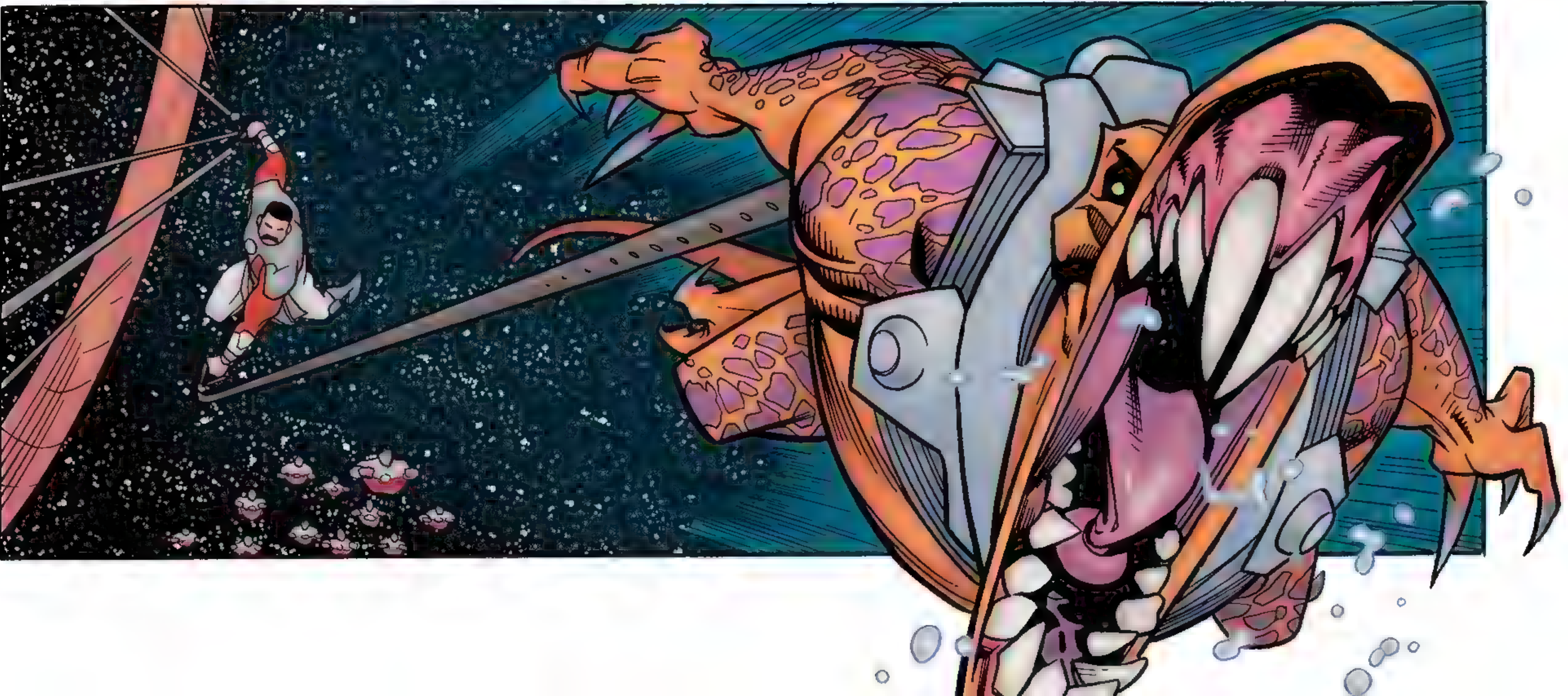
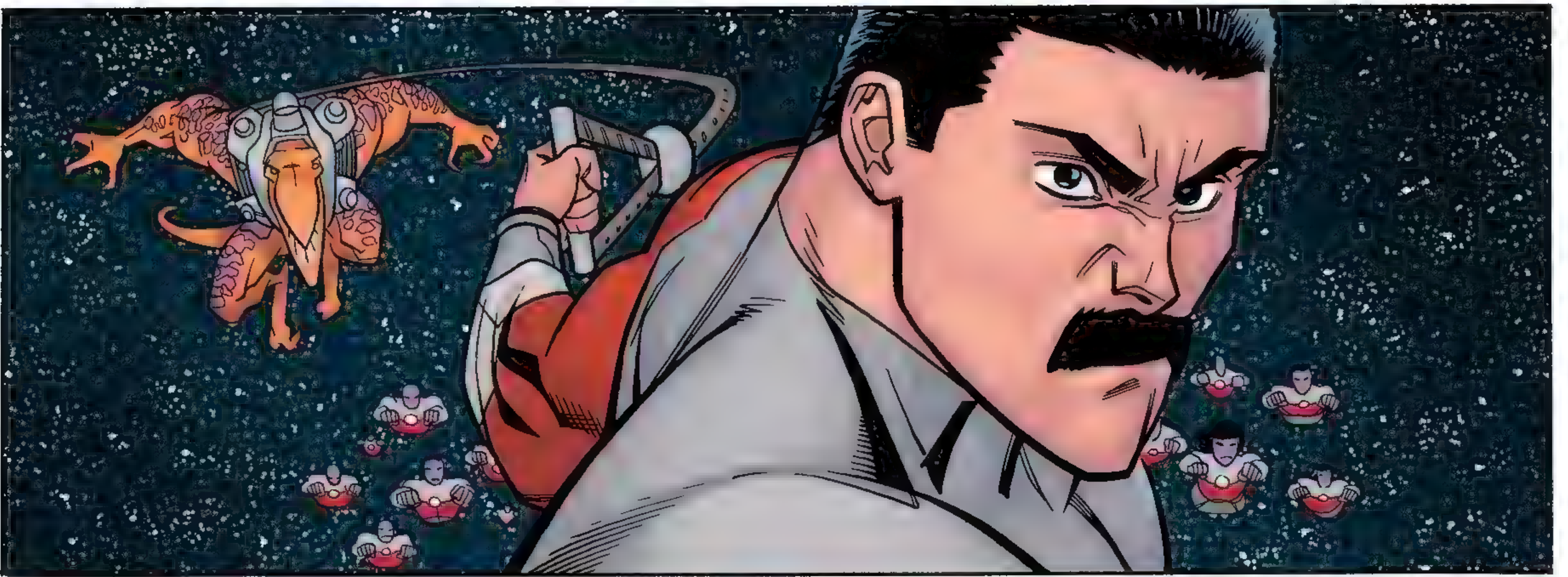


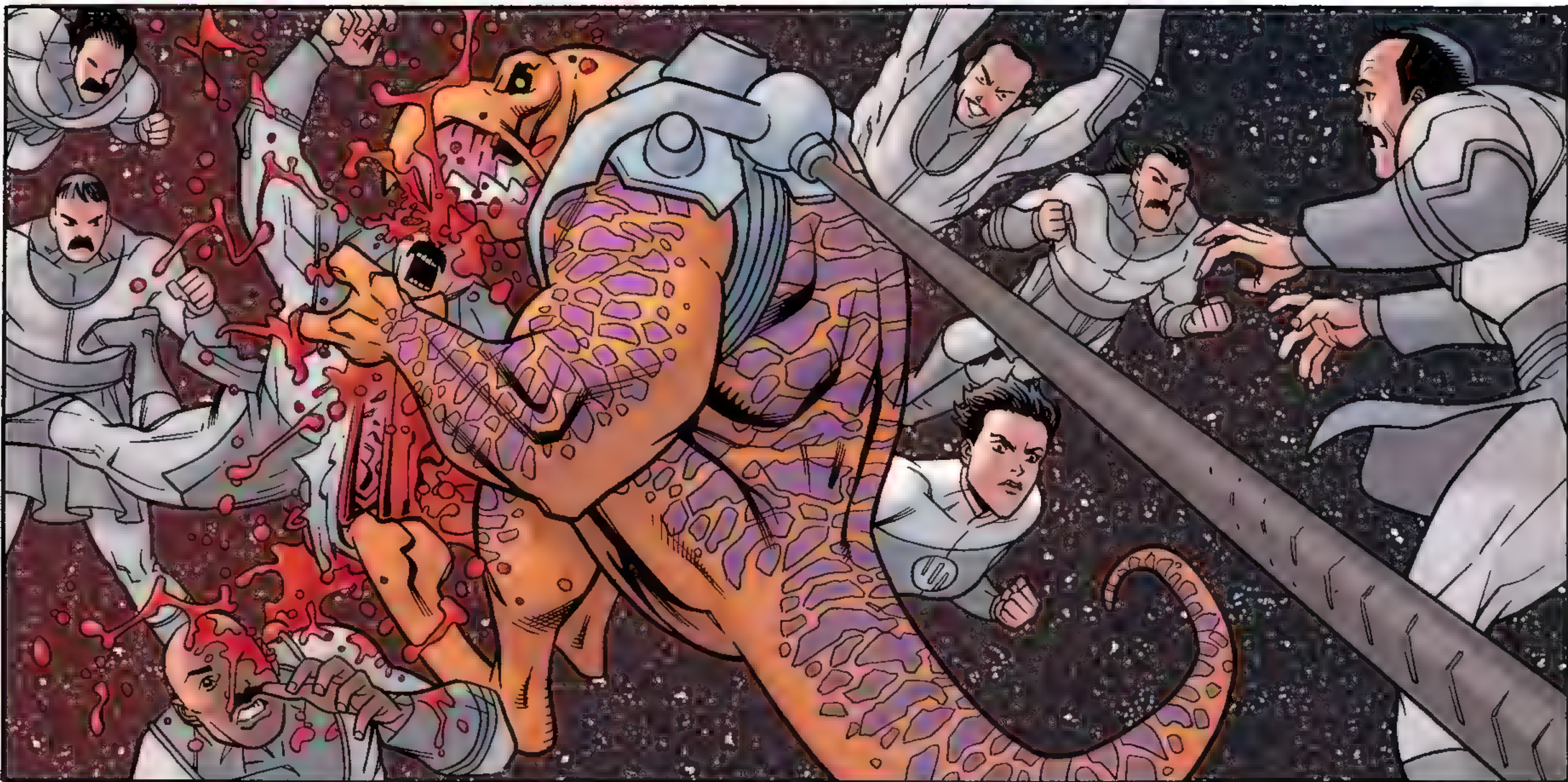


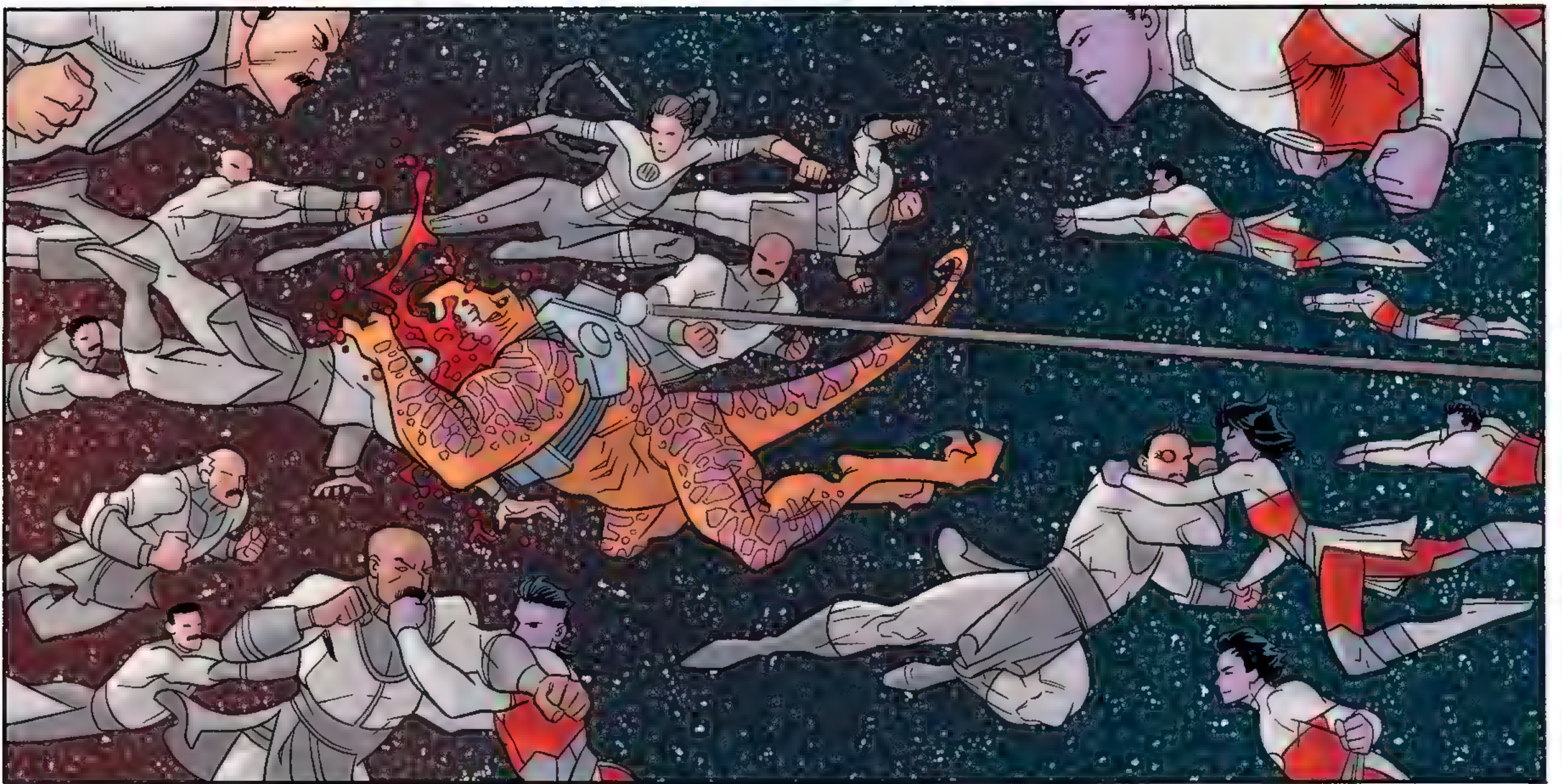
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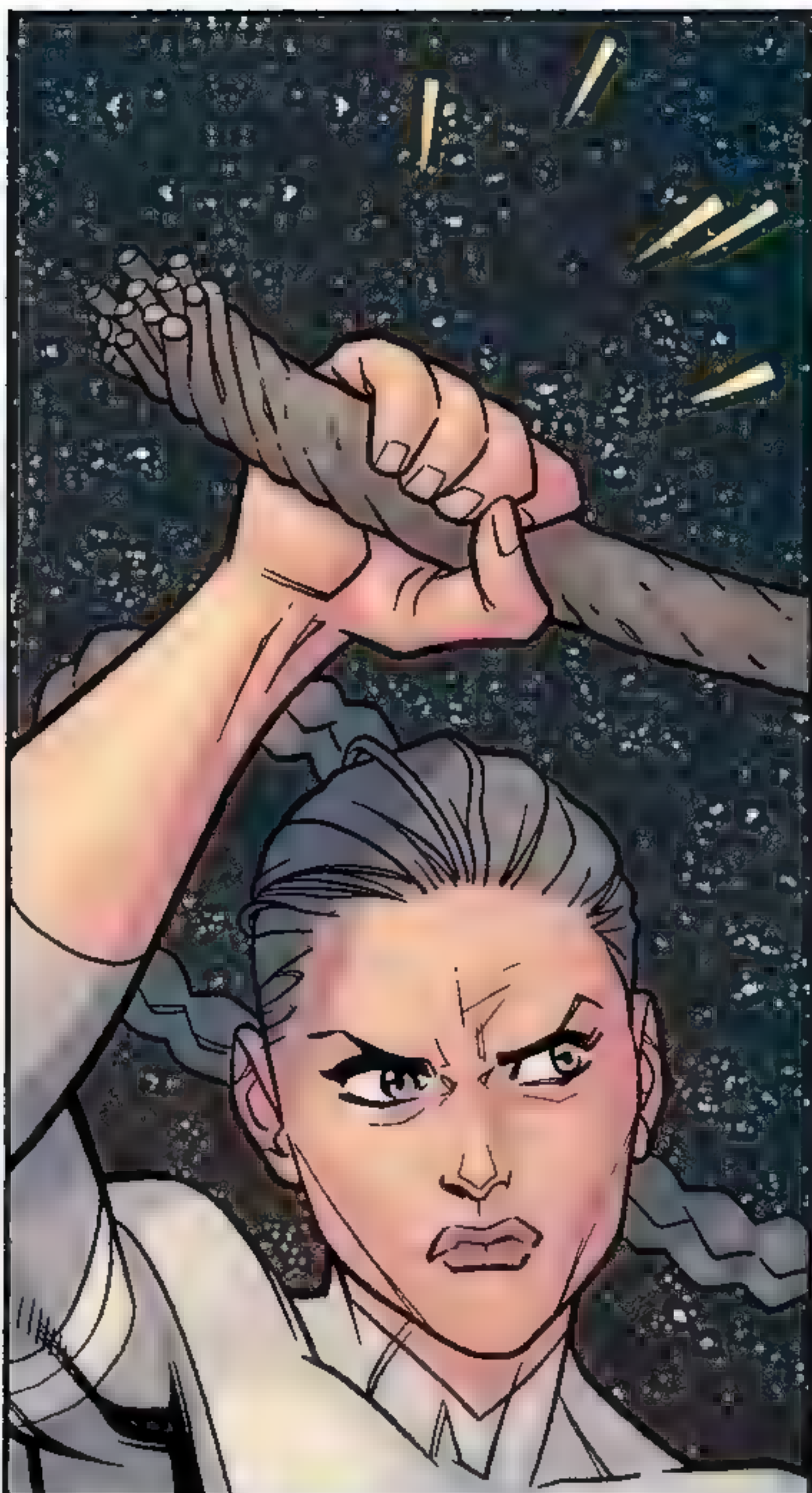




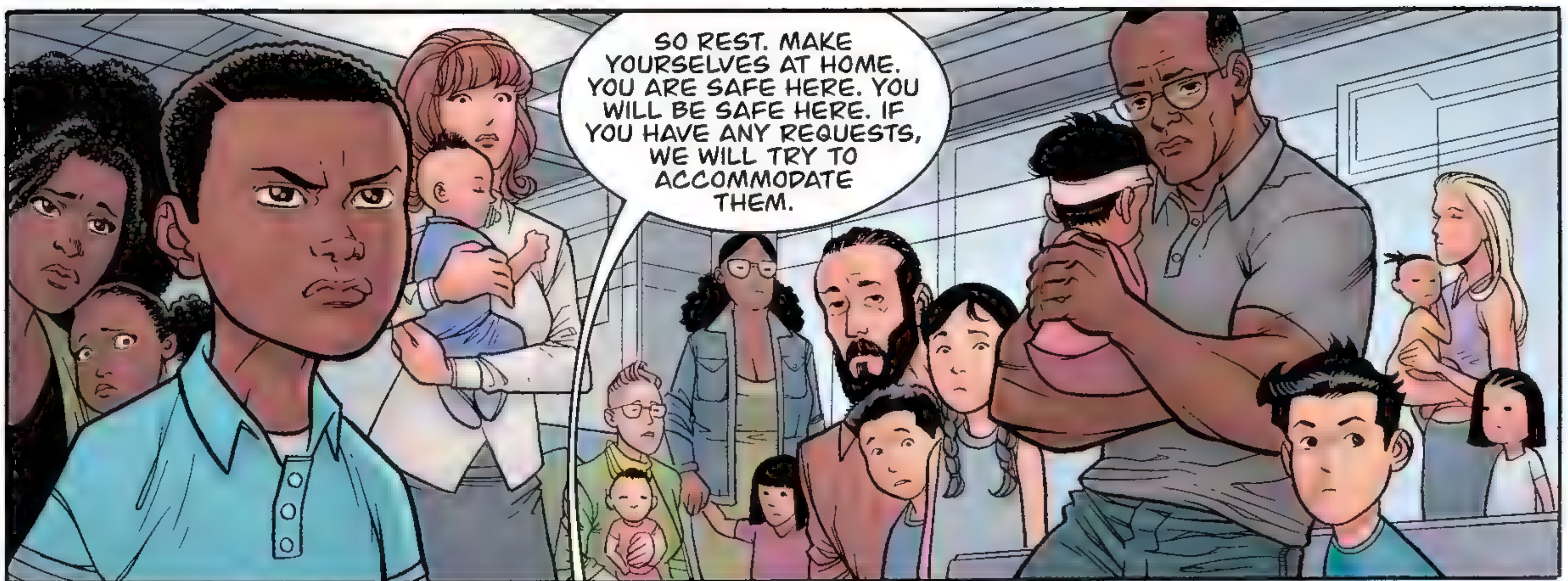
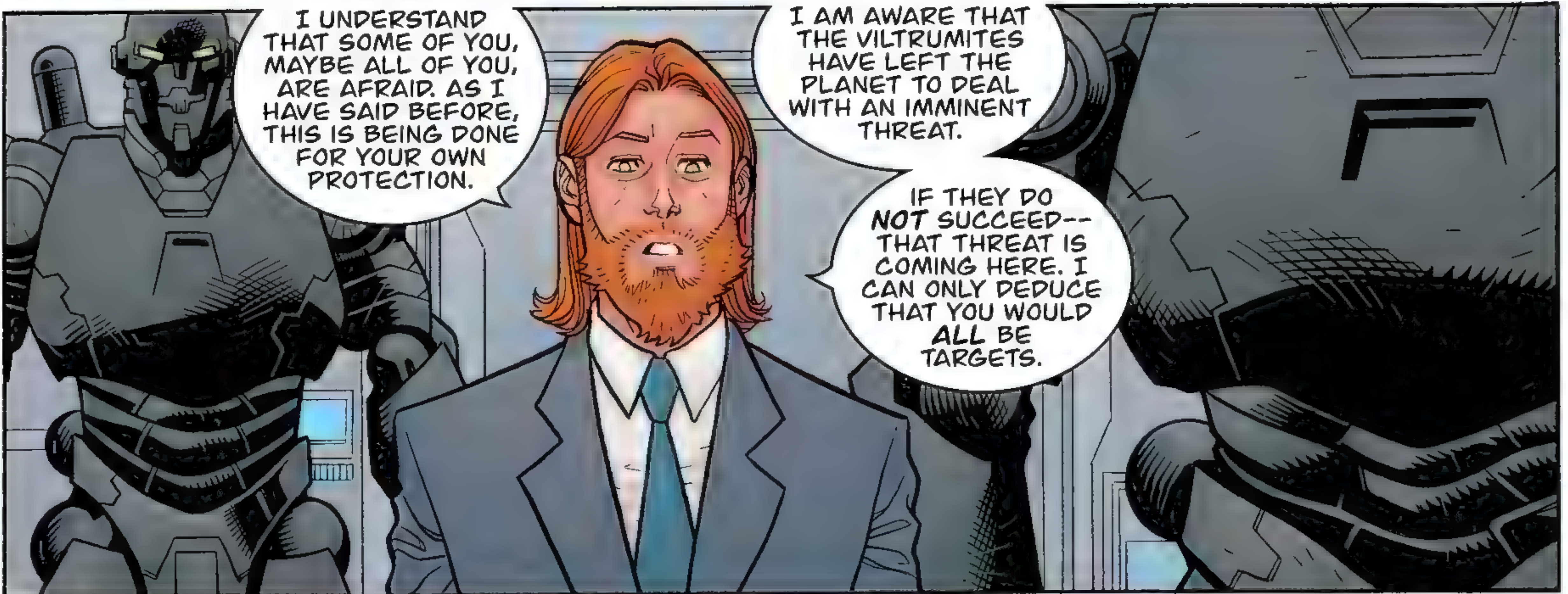
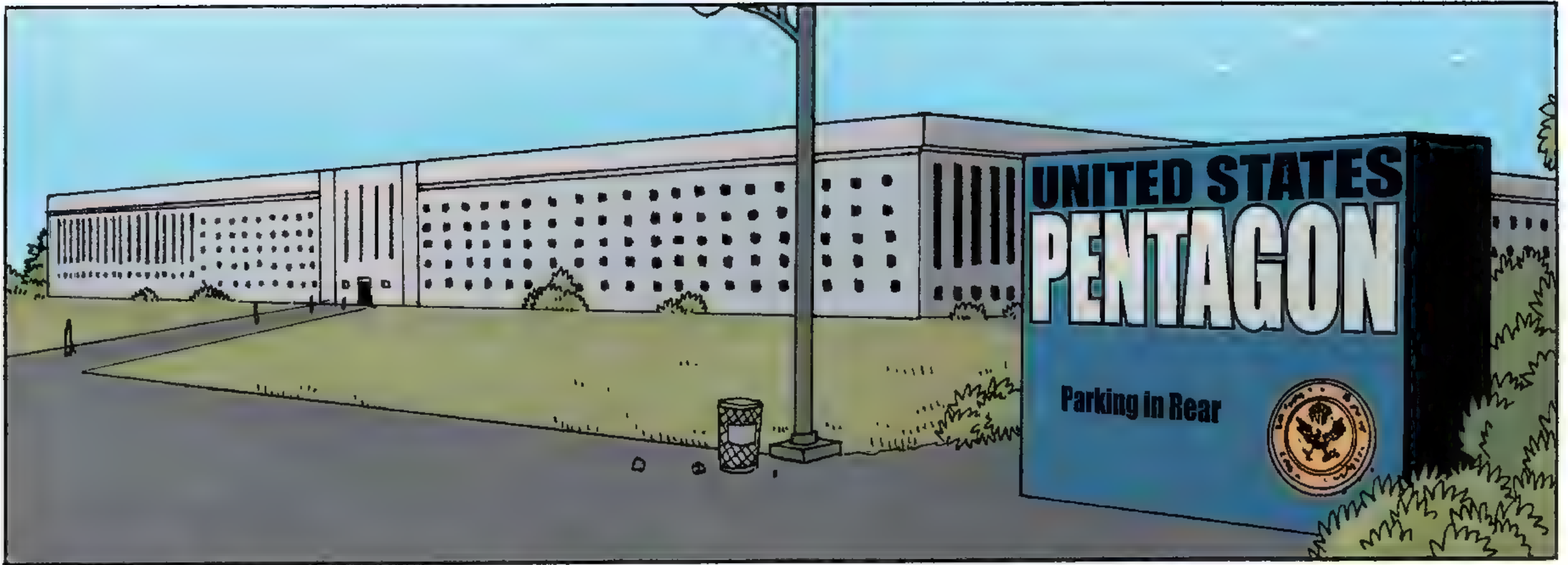


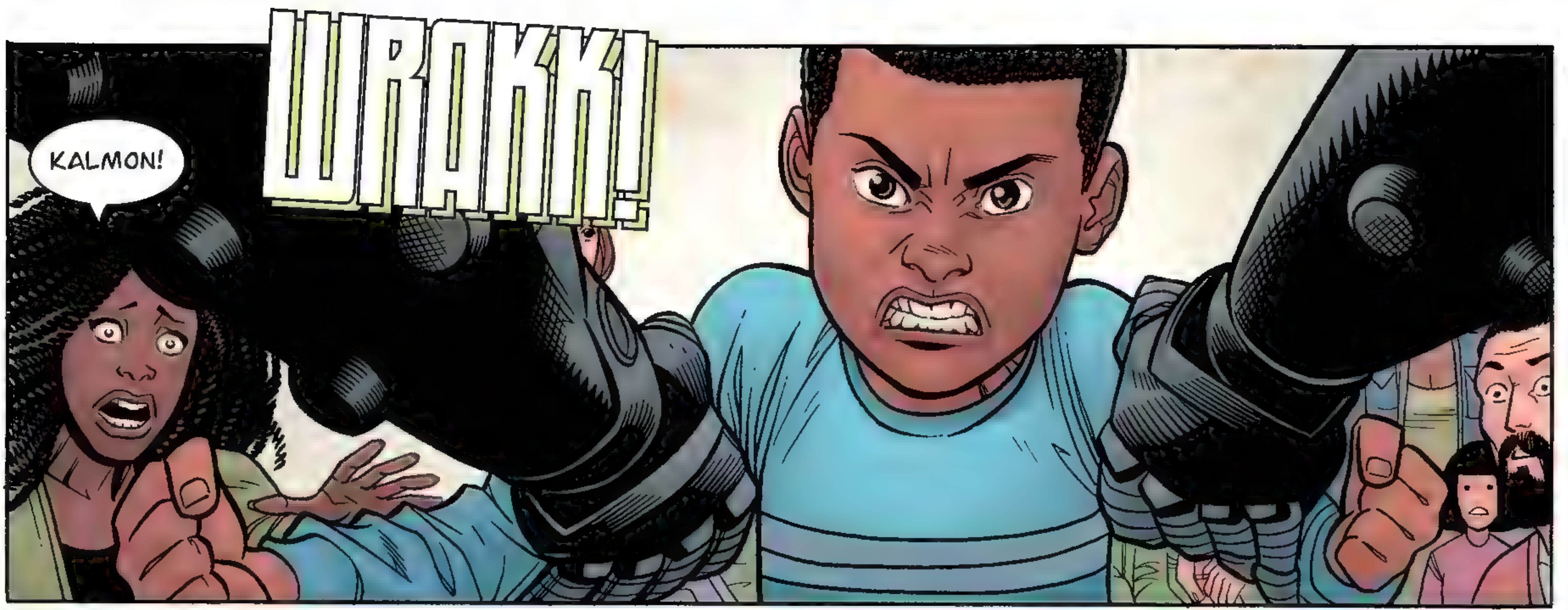


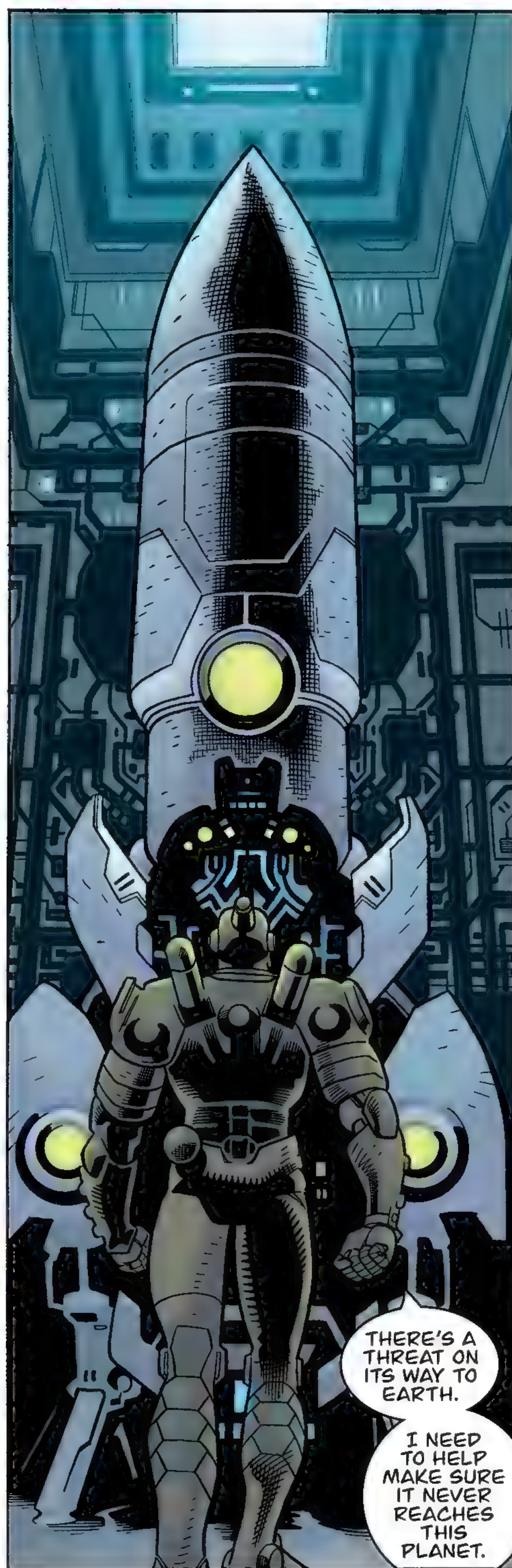
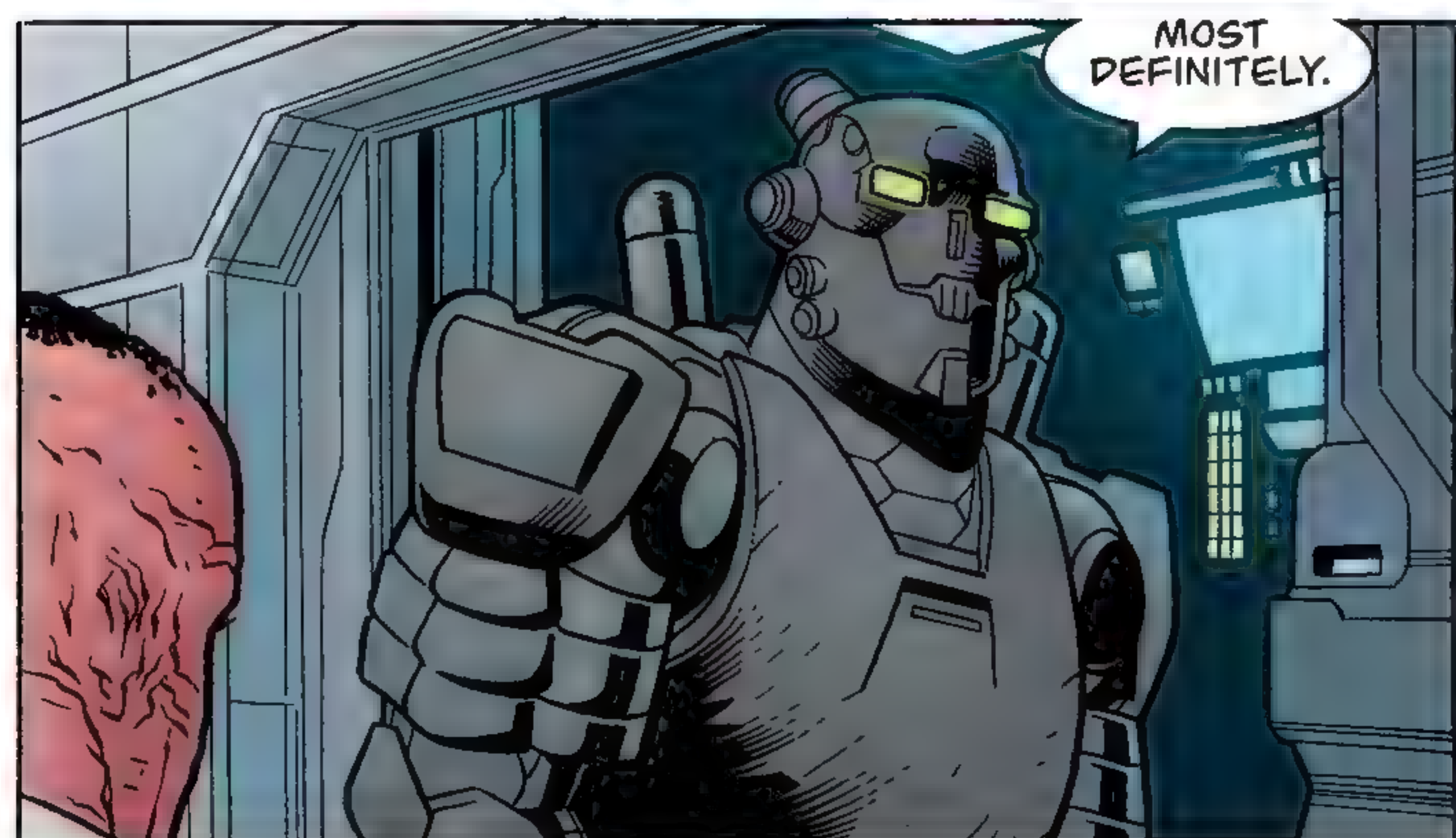
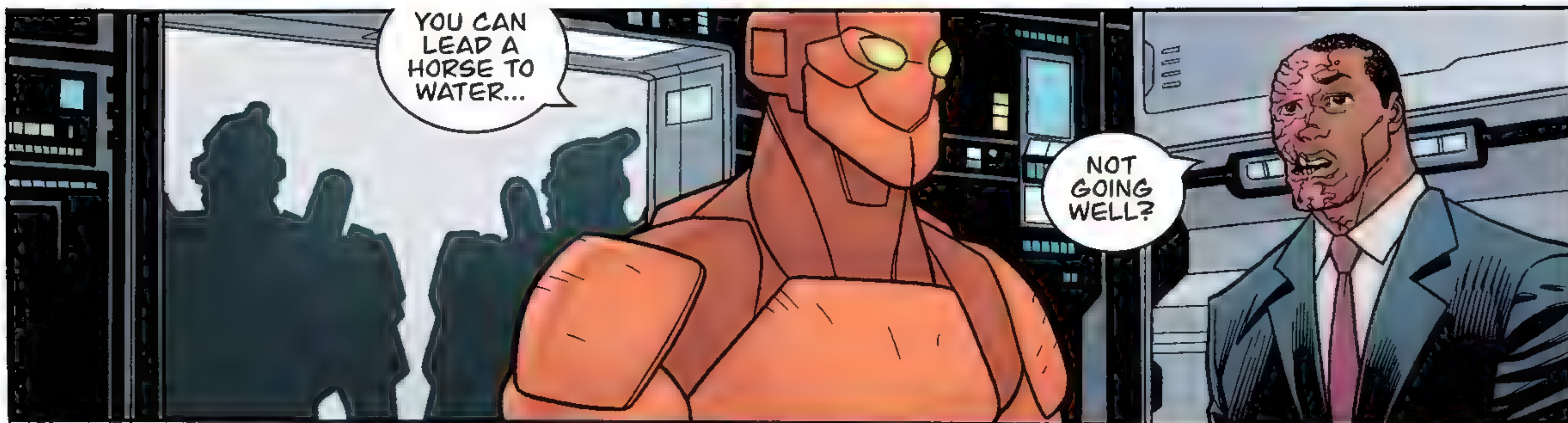






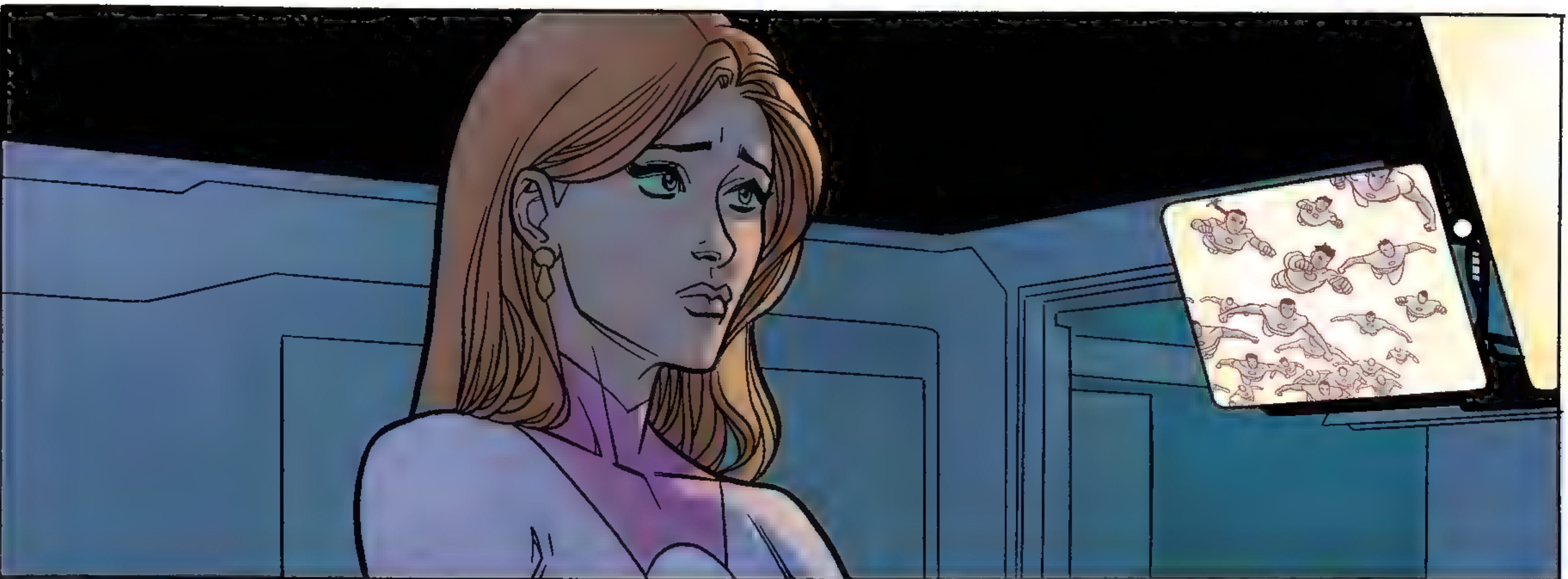
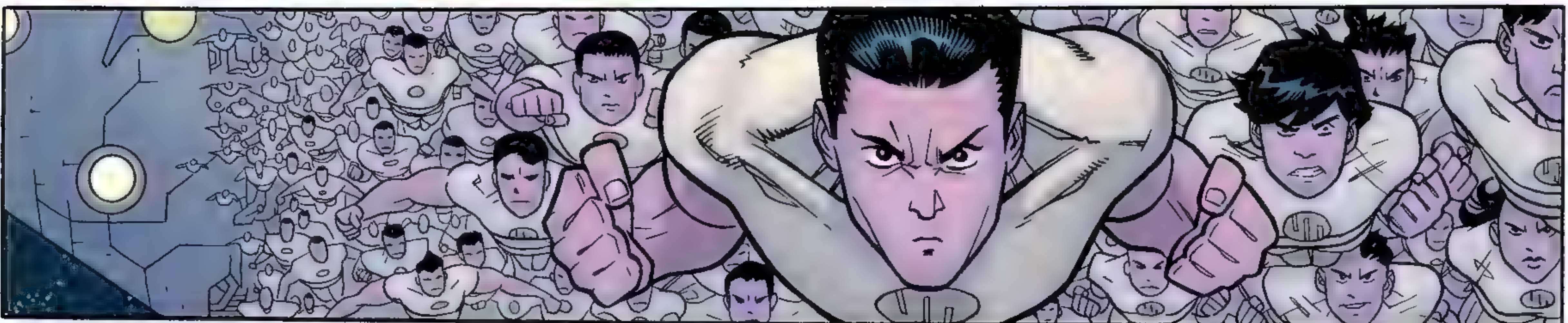
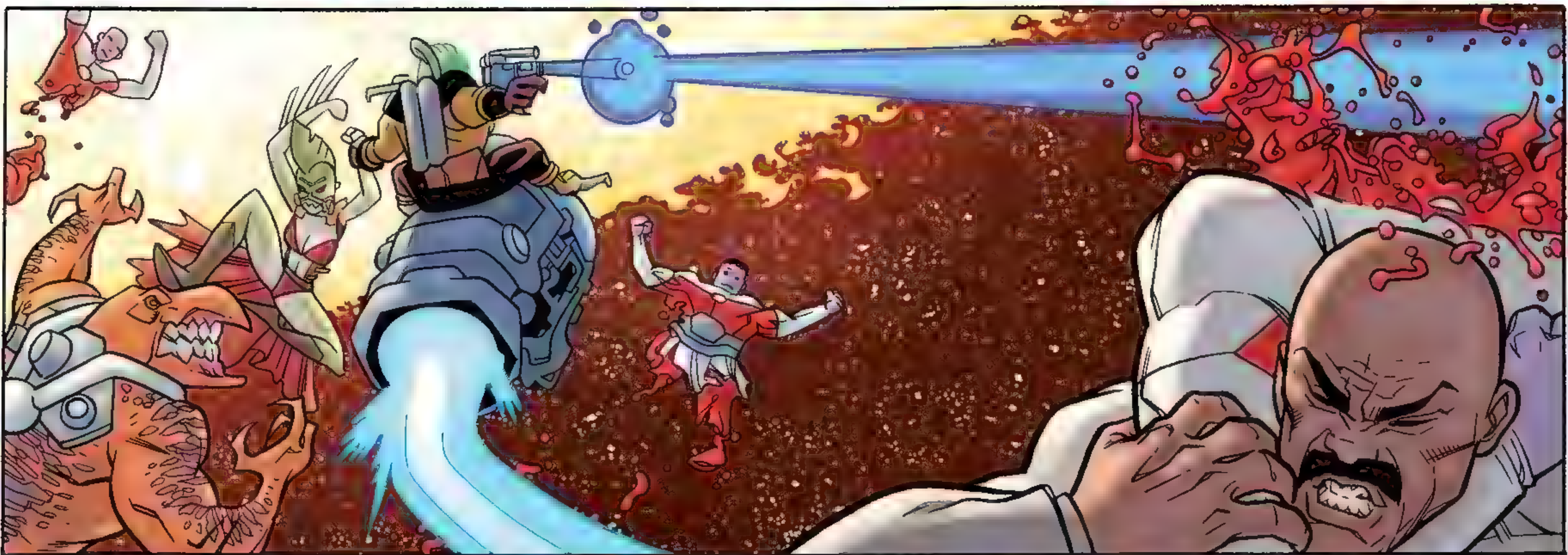
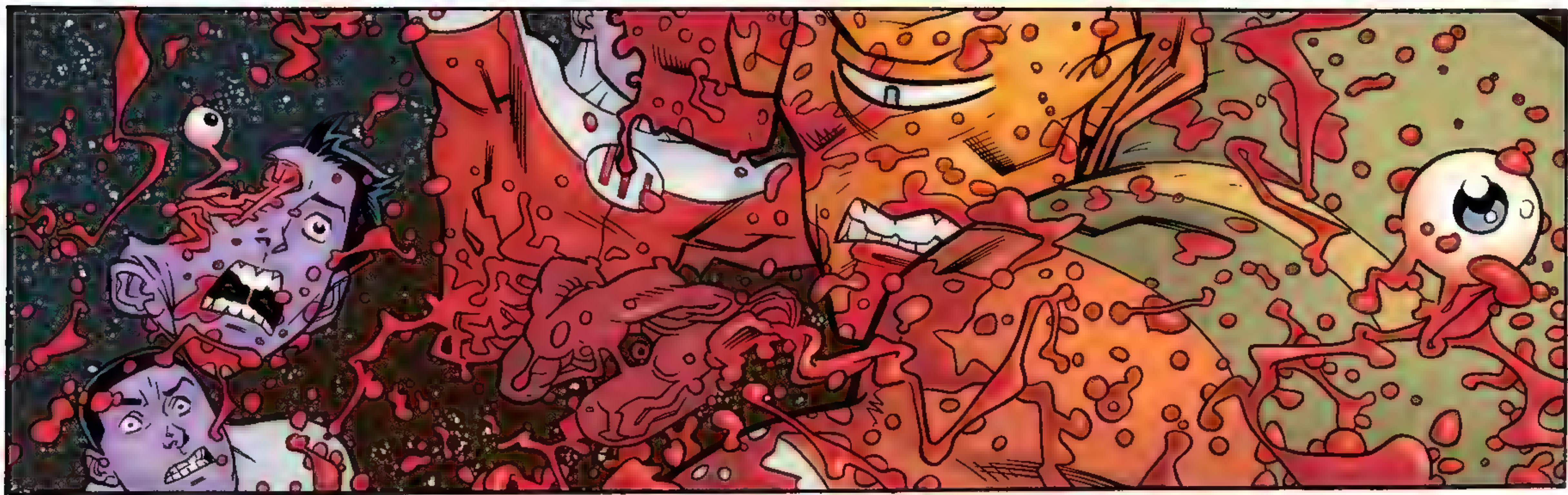


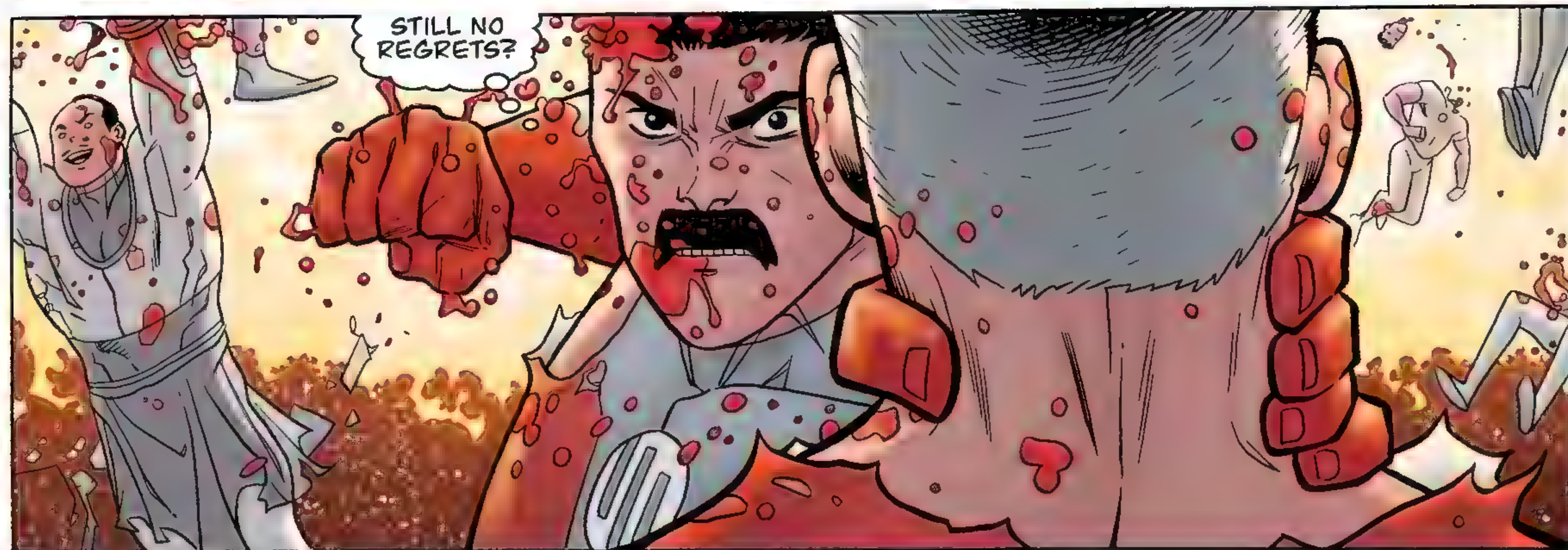
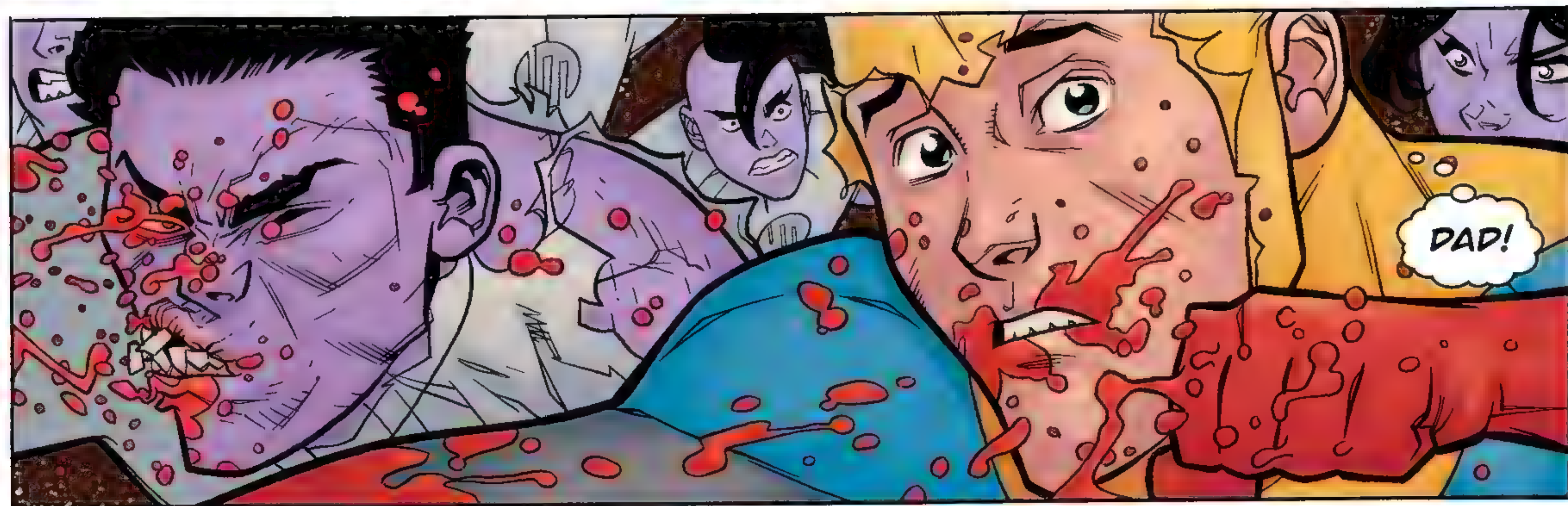


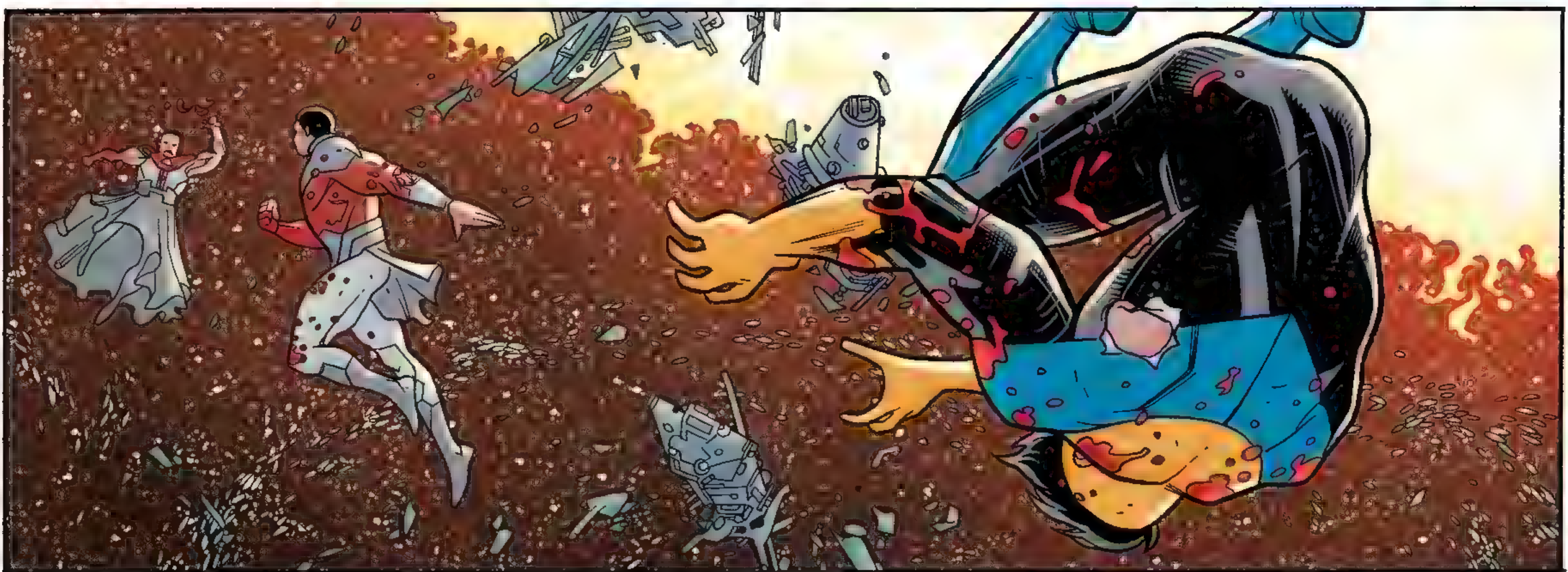


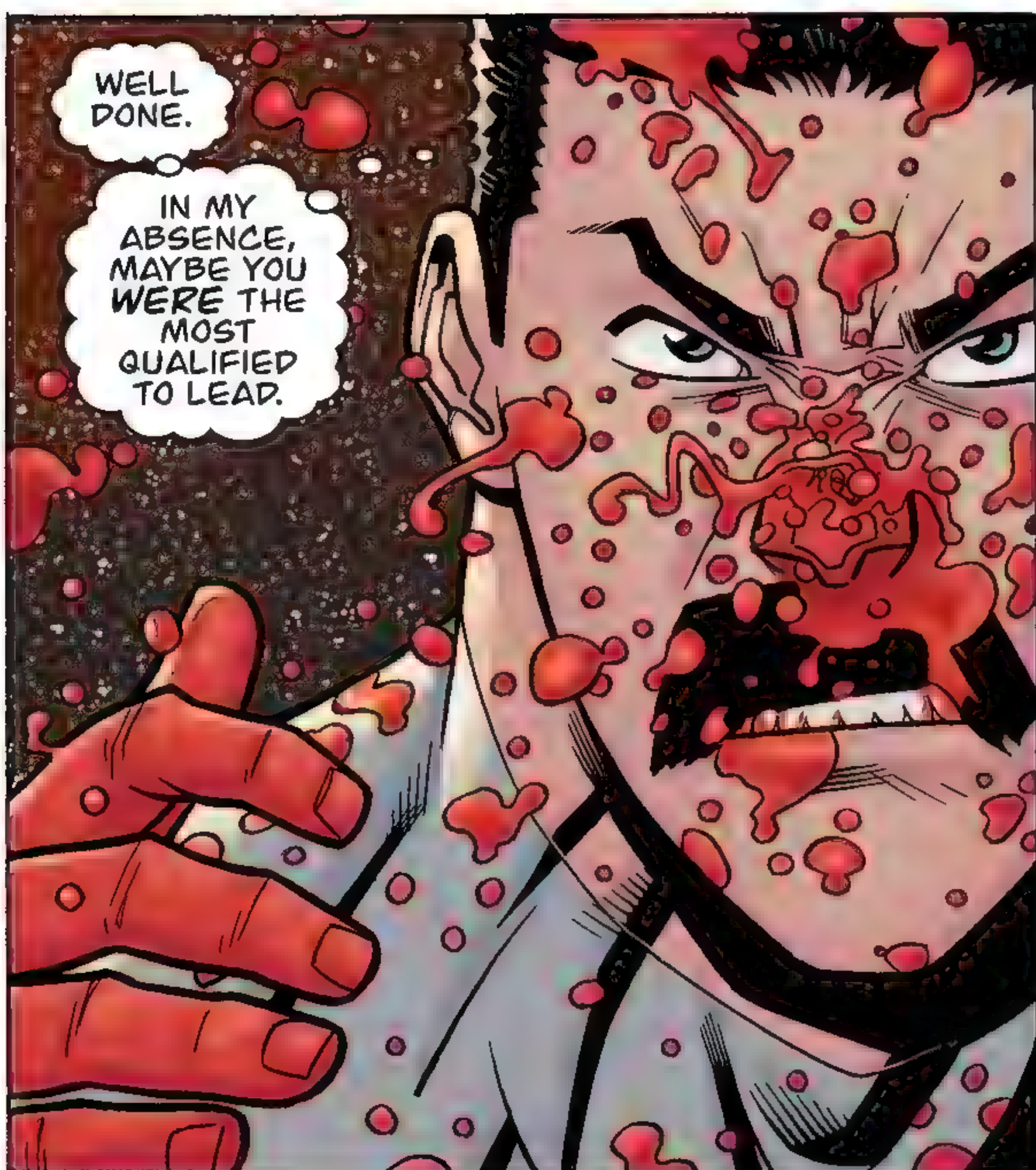
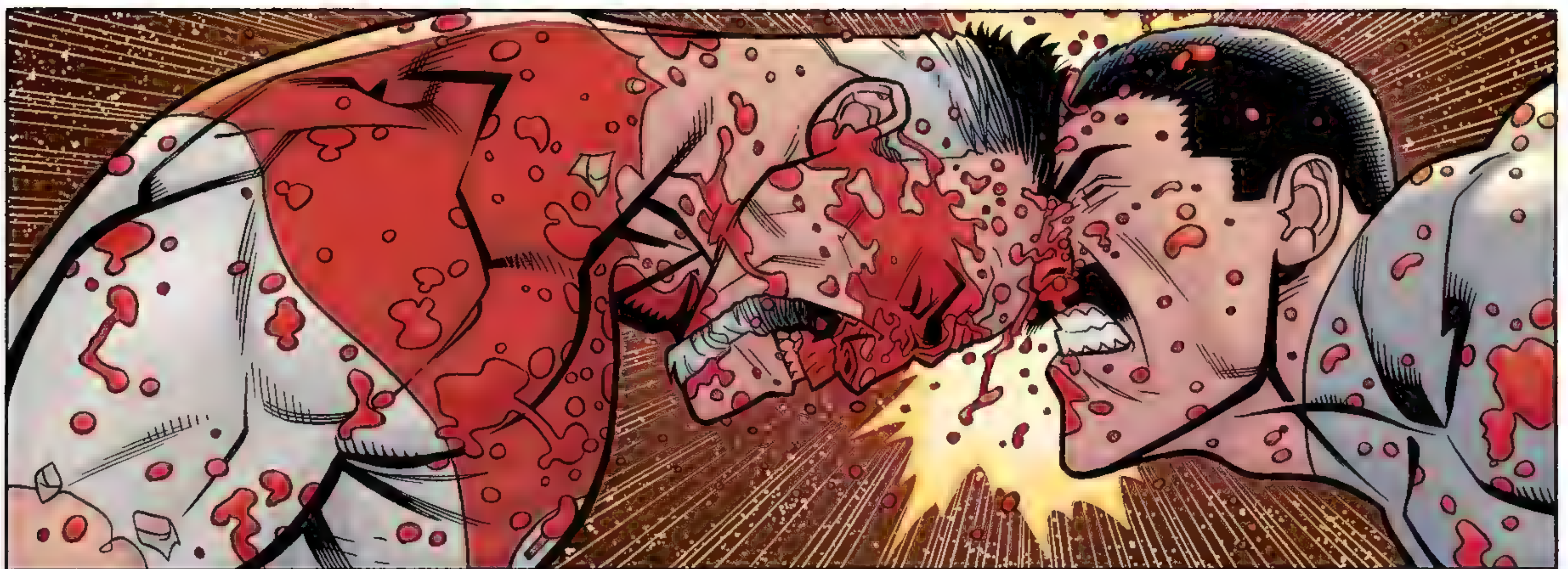
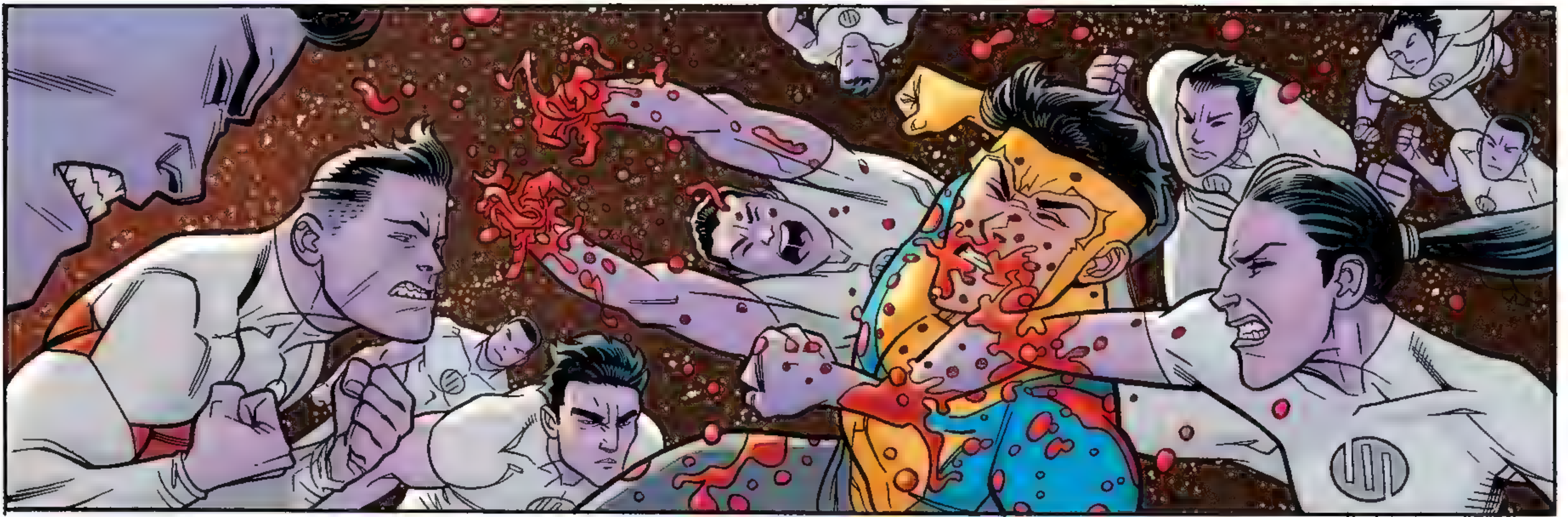


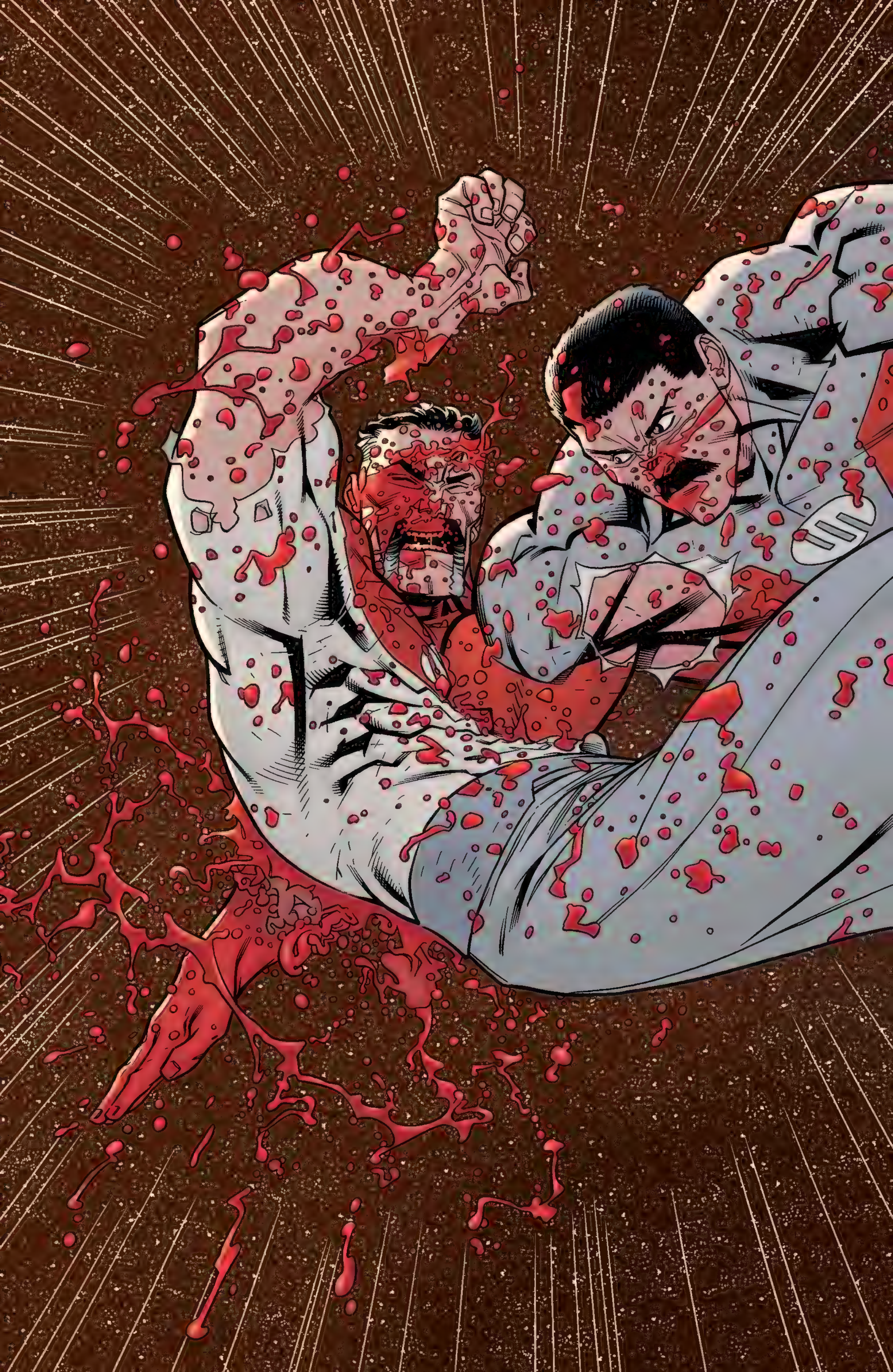








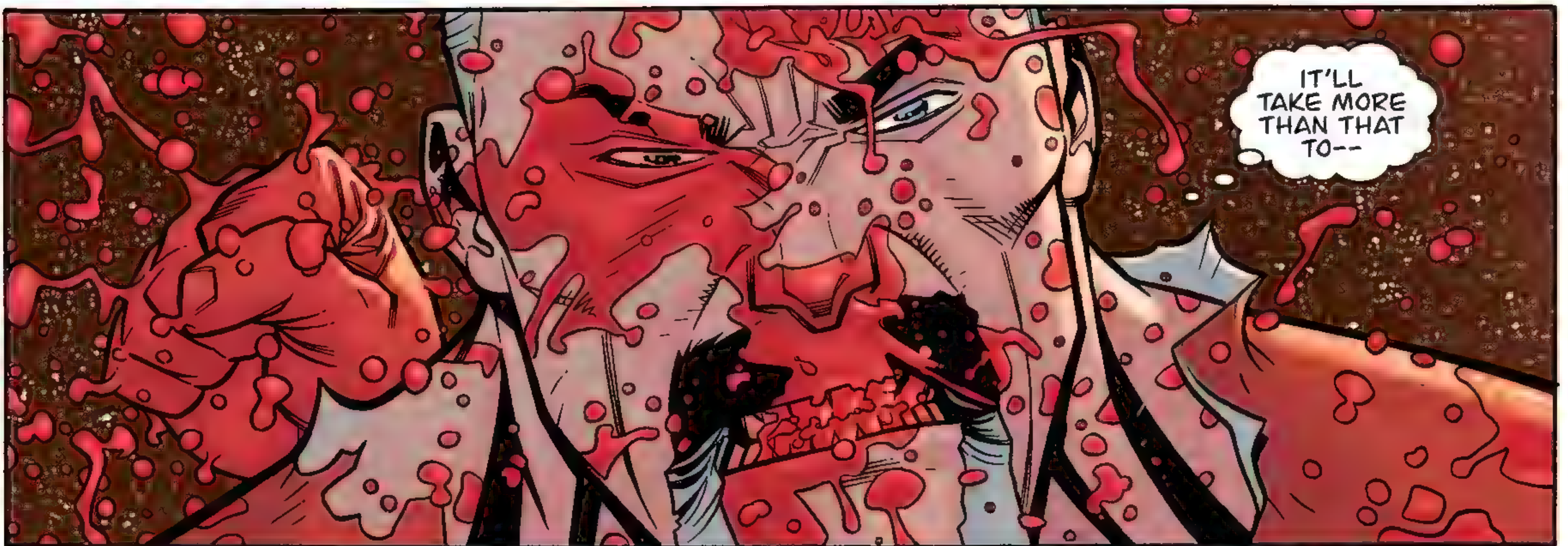






IMPRESSIVE.

MOVED AT THE
LAST MINUTE---
PROTECTING YOUR
HEART. A LESSON
YOU SHOULD HAVE
TAUGHT YOUR
SON...



IT'LL
TAKE MORE
THAN THAT
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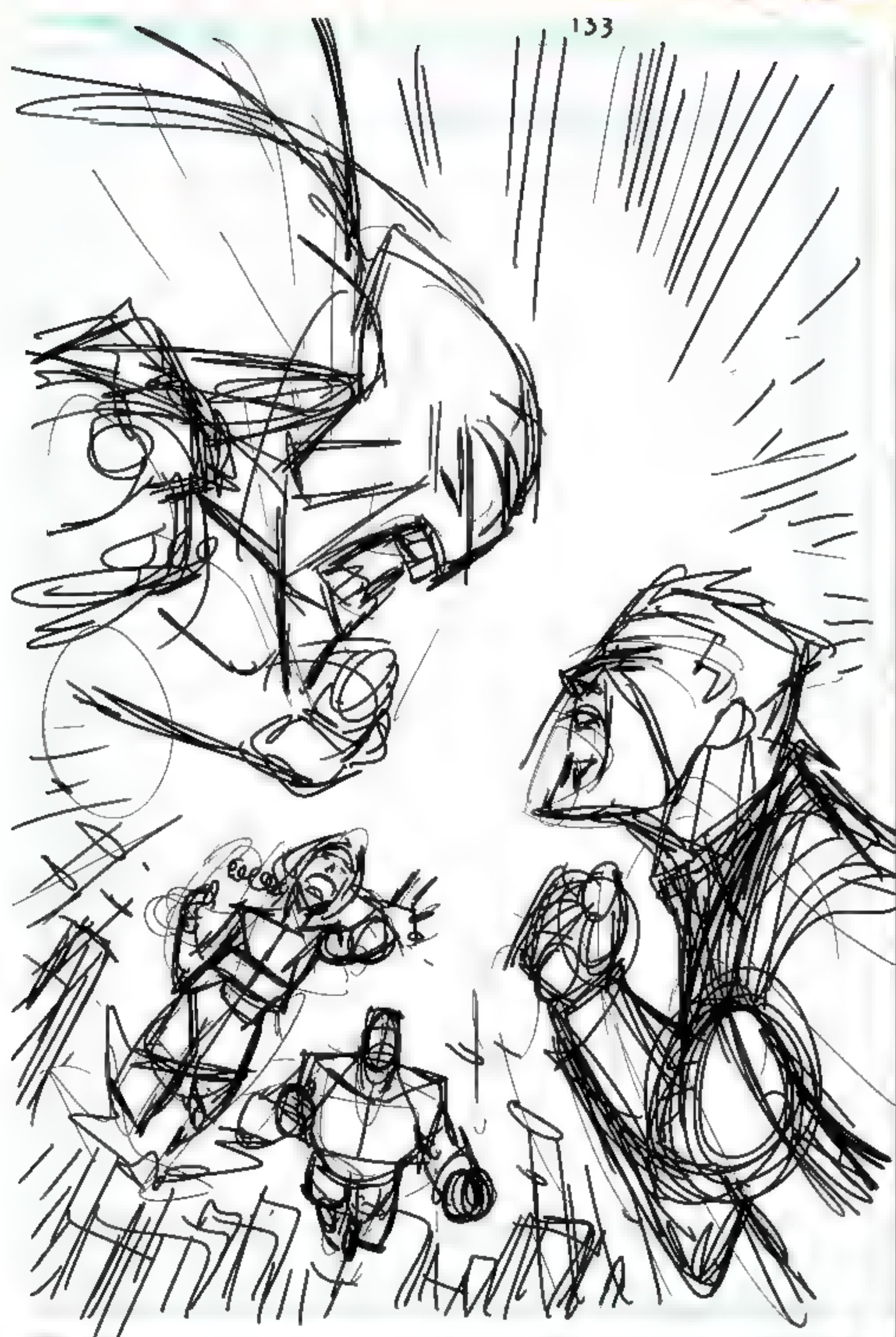






RYAN OTTLEY: *If you asked me what volume this trade paperback is, I would've said, "I don't know, I'm busy drawing, leave me alone please!" But holy crap, 24 volumes? That's just crazy awesome. This cover was a bit rushed, I'll admit. I'm working hard trying to keep the art coming out on time, and hopefully you can't tell too much when I cut corners.*

ROBERT KIRKMAN: Ryan! You're not supposed to say that. Trust me. I've been doing that with my writing for years and nobody has noticed! Well, a couple people have noticed...



RYAN: My sketch of the #133 cover. Robert wanted a different direction for these last twelve covers, so this was scrapped. He wanted a central figure with a collage of characters in the background. Much more challenging and time consuming, just how Robert likes his artists to always draw!

ROBERT: We gotta do cool stuff for the fans, man! They're the final issues!!! We gotta go ALL OUT!!

RYAN: *Allen the Alien takes the main stage with his new scaly skin. I wish I hid some kanslok on this cover somewhere. I failed.*

ROBERT: *Yes, you did... but not at doing an awesome cover.*



RYAN: *This cover was a beast to figure out, but I'm pretty happy with how this one turned out.*

ROBERT: *This one might be my favorite of the bunch!*

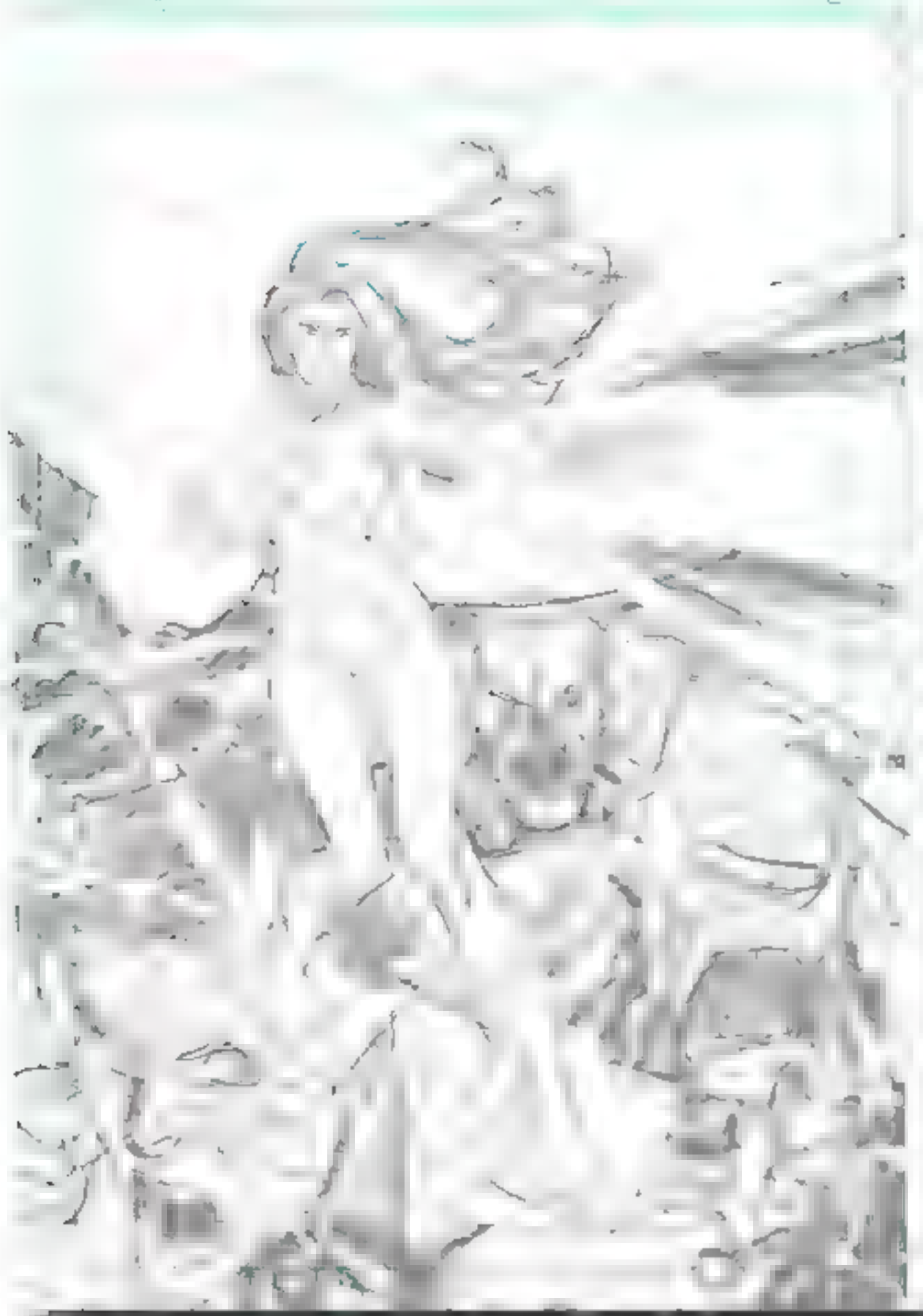
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RYAN: *On this cover I wanted to play with digital penciling, so I finished the pencils fully in digital format, printed it out and inked over it. Worked ok, but I prefer digital layouts, then printing it out and doing traditional pencils and inks.*

ROBERT: I really love how this cover turned out, too.

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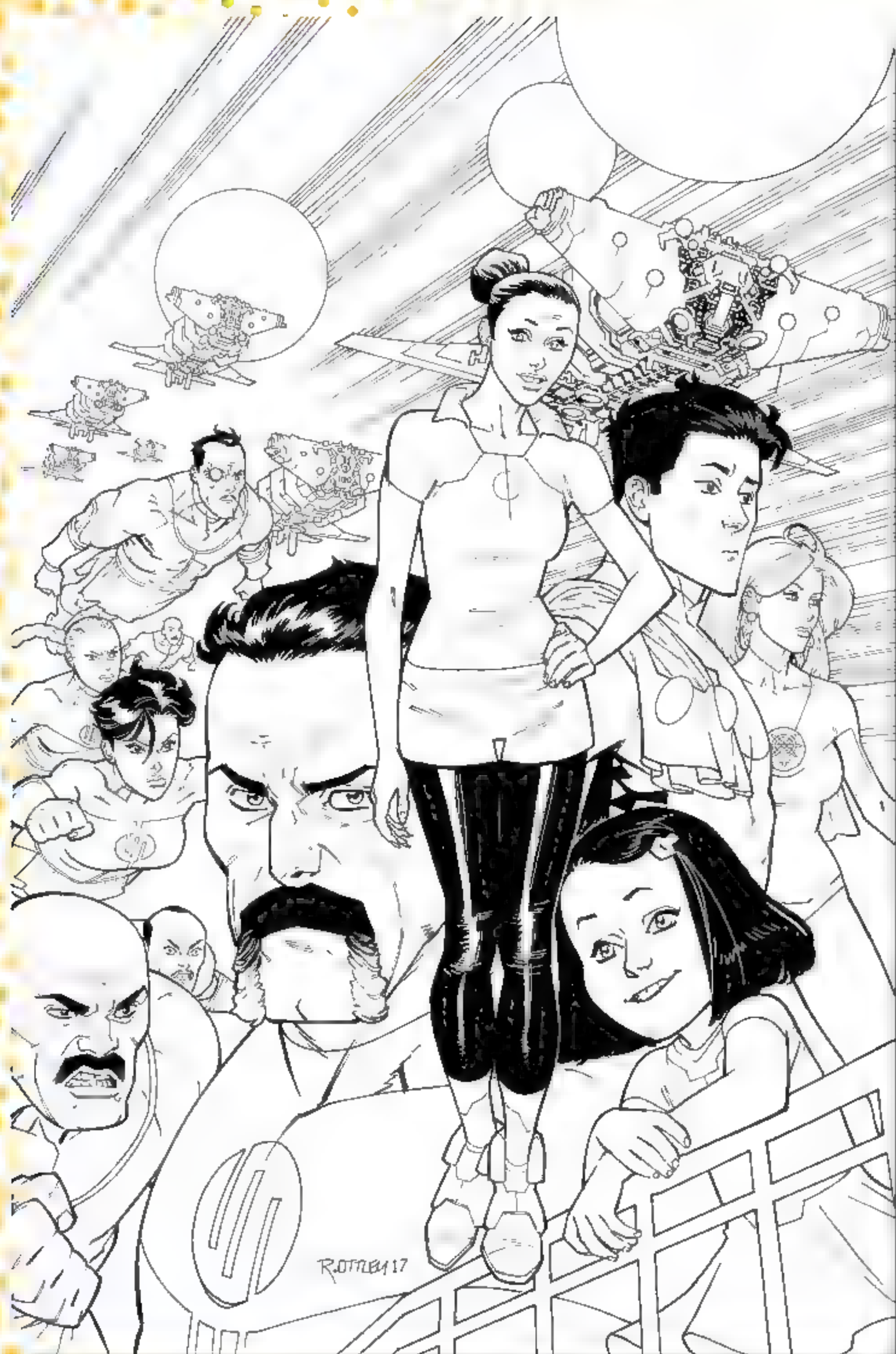


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RYAN: So I got to do all these cool superheroes in their tough poses, and then Robert asked for a Debbie cover. I thought, how the hell am I gonna do this and it be cool?! So yeah, Debbie is just posing in her new outfit like a clothing catalog model. It's the only thing I could think of! Do you still love me?

ROBERT: I know I love Debbie! Come on... you gotta change things up from time to time. And for these covers I want the most important characters to the run of the book to be showcased. You can't argue Debbie hasn't been an integral part of this series since issue one.



RYAN: Nolan! He's ok, right? Tell me, Robert!

ROBERT: Ryan, you'll just have to look at the issues you've already drawn after this and figure that out for yourself!



RYAN: Robert and I share many things in common, one being loving Indian food. Another being loving everything Image Comics, those early days of Image were the coolest time in comics ever! Such a huge deal to me, which made drawing this cover even more special.

ROBERT: It was a great honor to be able to pay tribute to some great Image comics with this series of variants. This one was probably my favorite... but everyone knows I'm a sucker for *Youngblood*.



RYAN: Banner for SDCC 2017! I drew it on four pages of 11x17 Bristol board, and then sent it to our friend Charlie Adlard across the pond to draw THE WALKING DEAD characters on the other half.

ROBERT: These things always look SOOO COOL 20-feet tall at the booth in San Diego. So great. Glad I don't have to draw them... and so is everyone else... because I'm not good at drawing... get it?



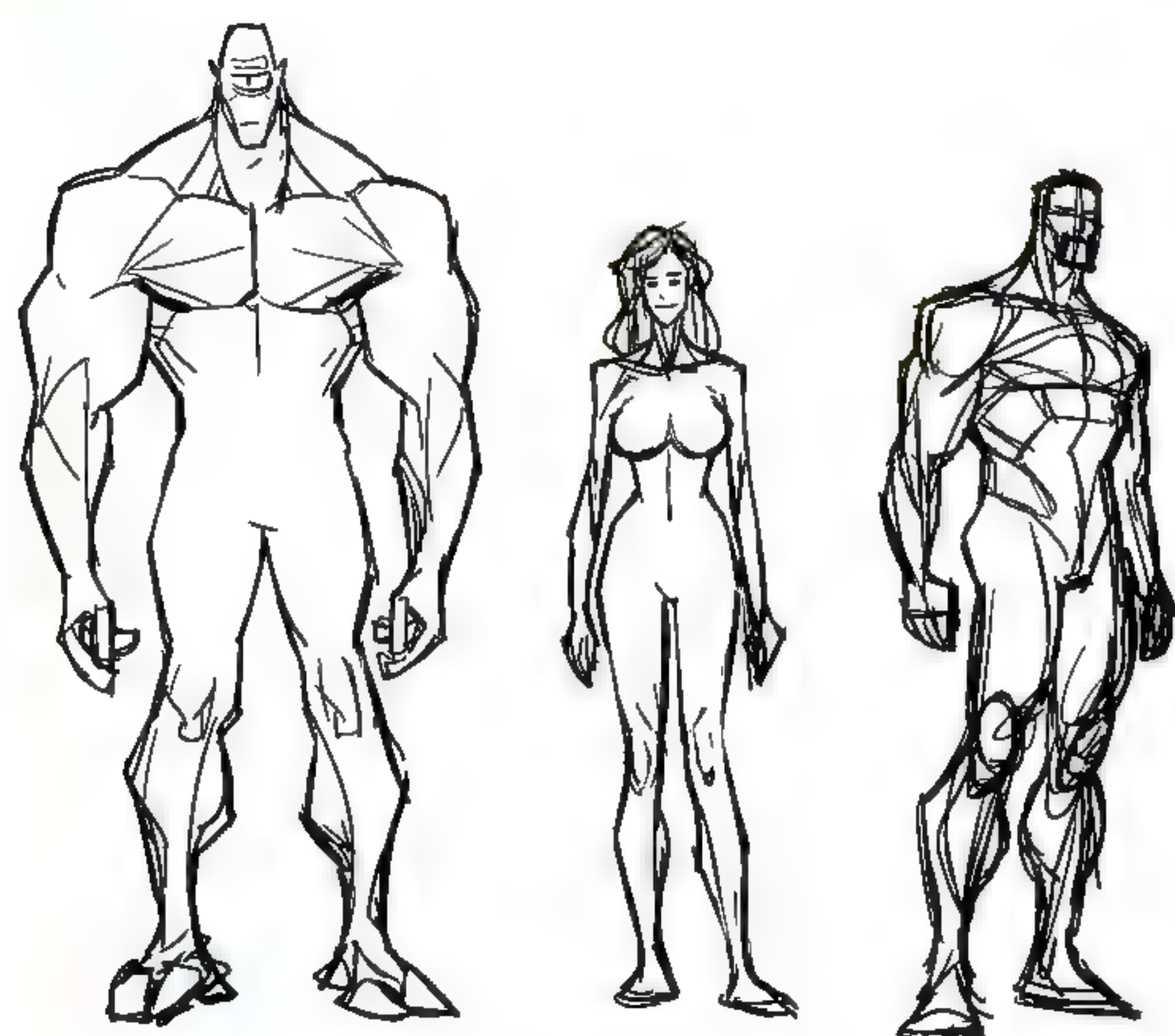
RYAN: I forget what issue this was for.

ROBERT: Didn't this end up only being a print you sold at cons? It was going to be the April Fools cover, but then we came up with GWINVINCIBLE at the last possible minute.



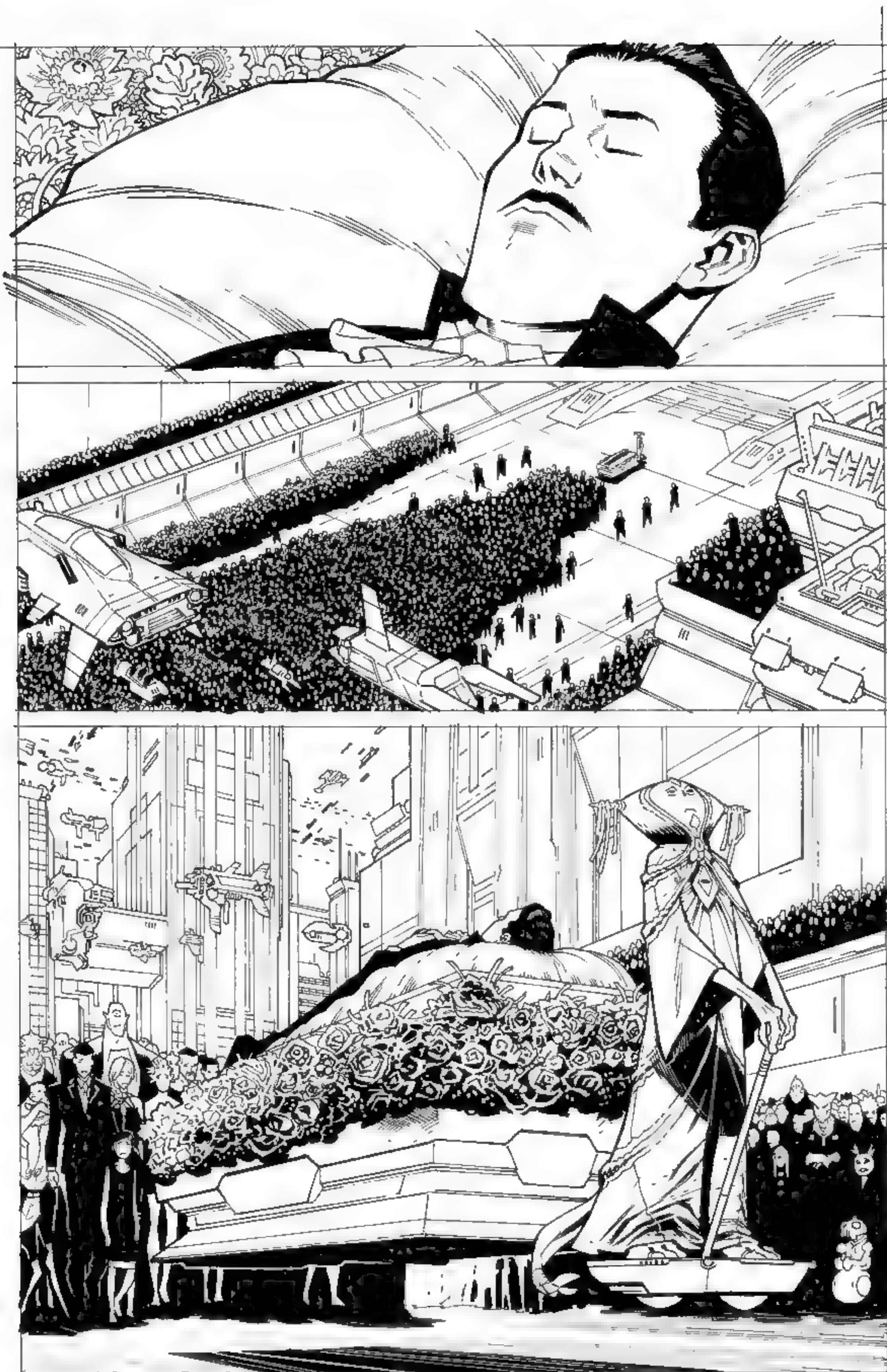
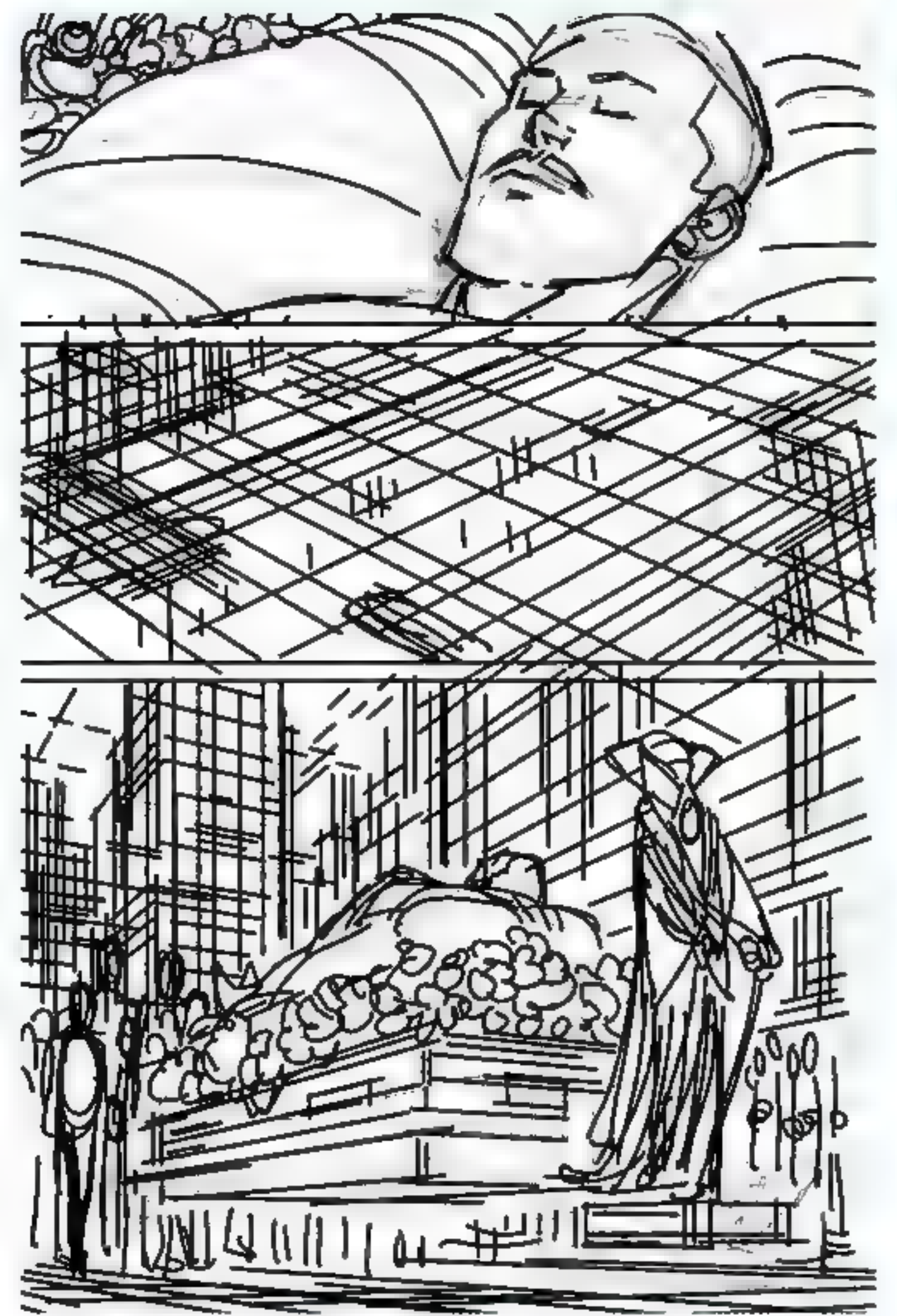
RYAN: When is GWINVINCIBLE going to appear, anyway?

ROBERT: She's getting a series next year that lasts eight issues and then is relaunched with a new #1 and lasts nine issues, then is relaunched again for seven issues before we jump the numbering to #25, even though we've only done twenty-four total issues... then we'll do a new #1 five issues after that... because that's how you build an audience and sell comics long-term... oh, wait.



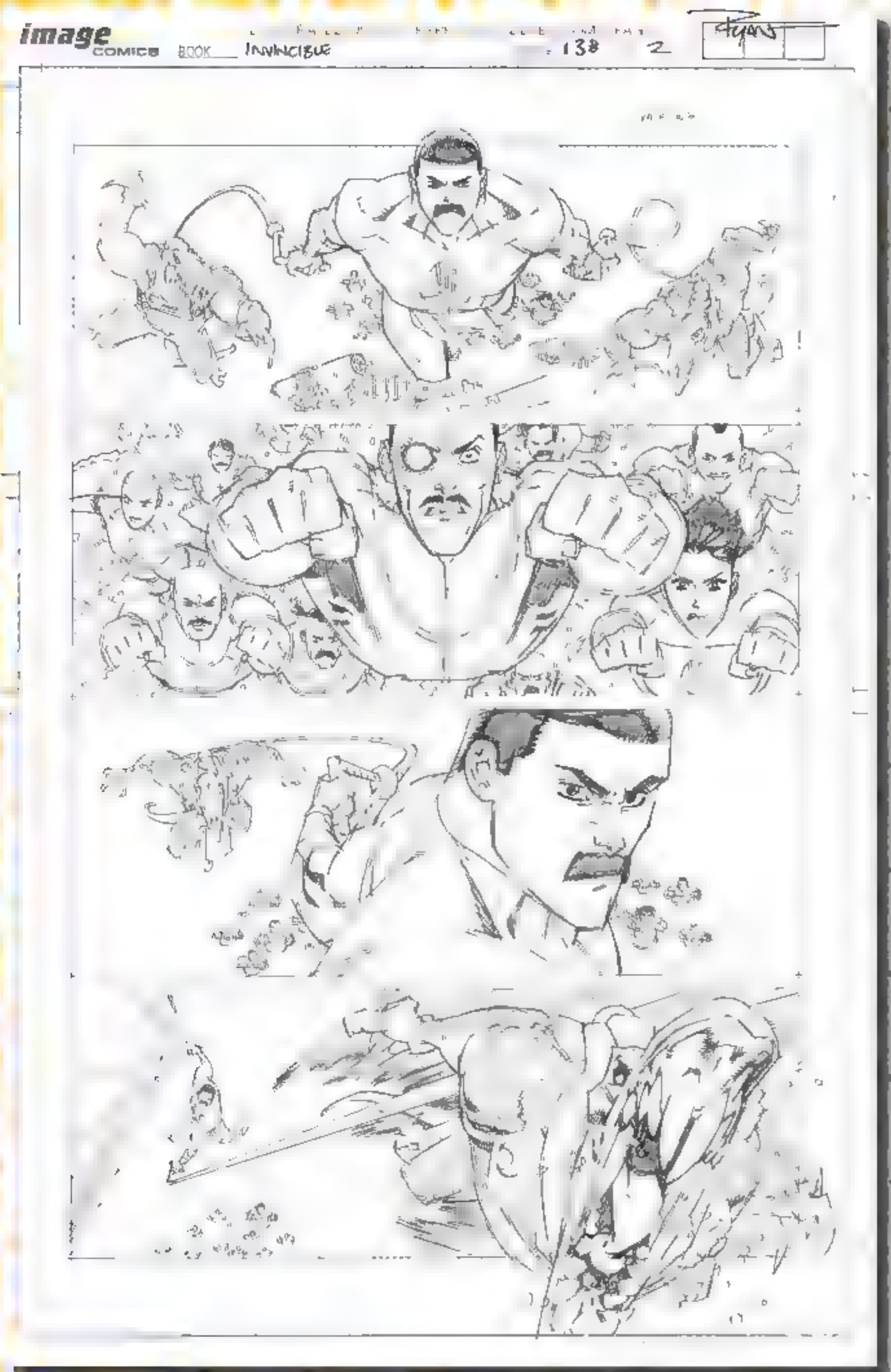
RYAN: Some designs to funeral clothes for issue #133. And designs for the new textured Allen. The double-eye Allen design wasn't used though, Robert doesn't know genius when he sees it.

ROBERT: True.



RYAN: *Oliver, RIP. Kinda hard to Rest In Peace when you're violently shot into space. But whatev.*

ROBERT: AS ENERGY. Shot into space as ENERGY!



RYAN: Issues #133 to halfway through #137 I inked myself, been a while since I've done that. I love inking my own work, but it's not ideal for time's sake. Getting an inker definitely keeps things on time. Really nice working with Dexter Vines and Mark Morales, two of my top favorite inkers in the business. Haven't done huge superhero double-page splashes in a while, so this was most welcome. Glad we got spandex back in this comic!

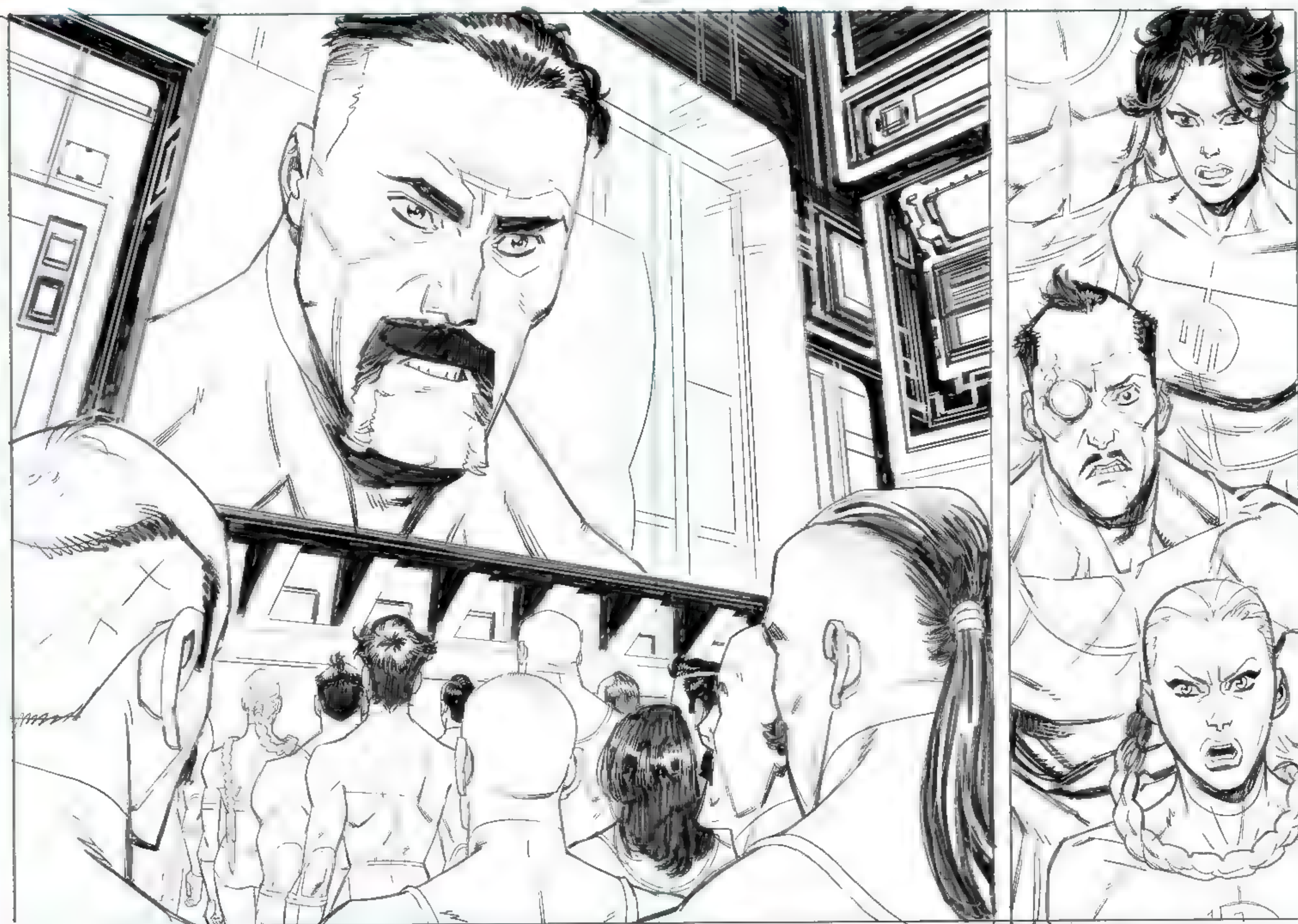


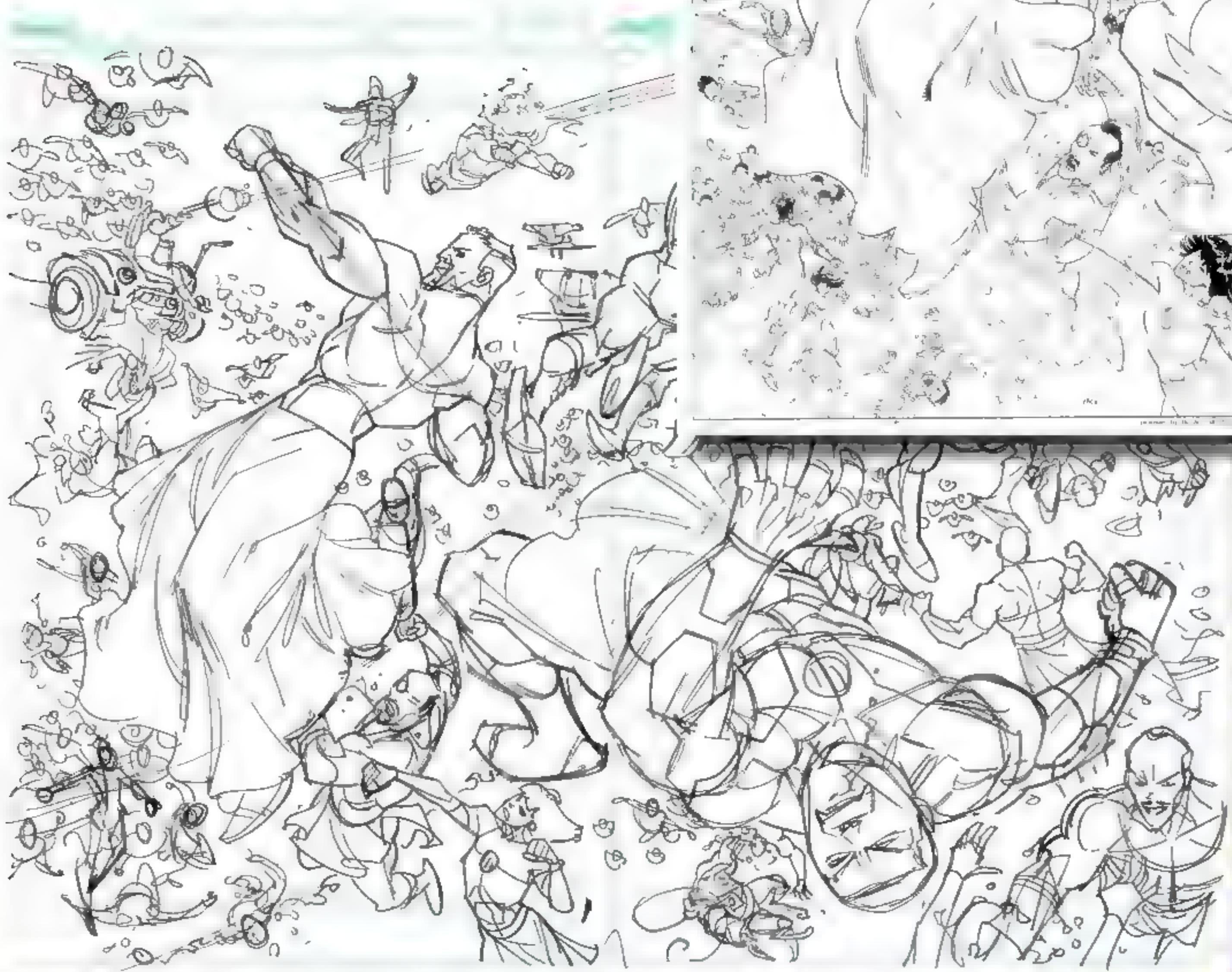


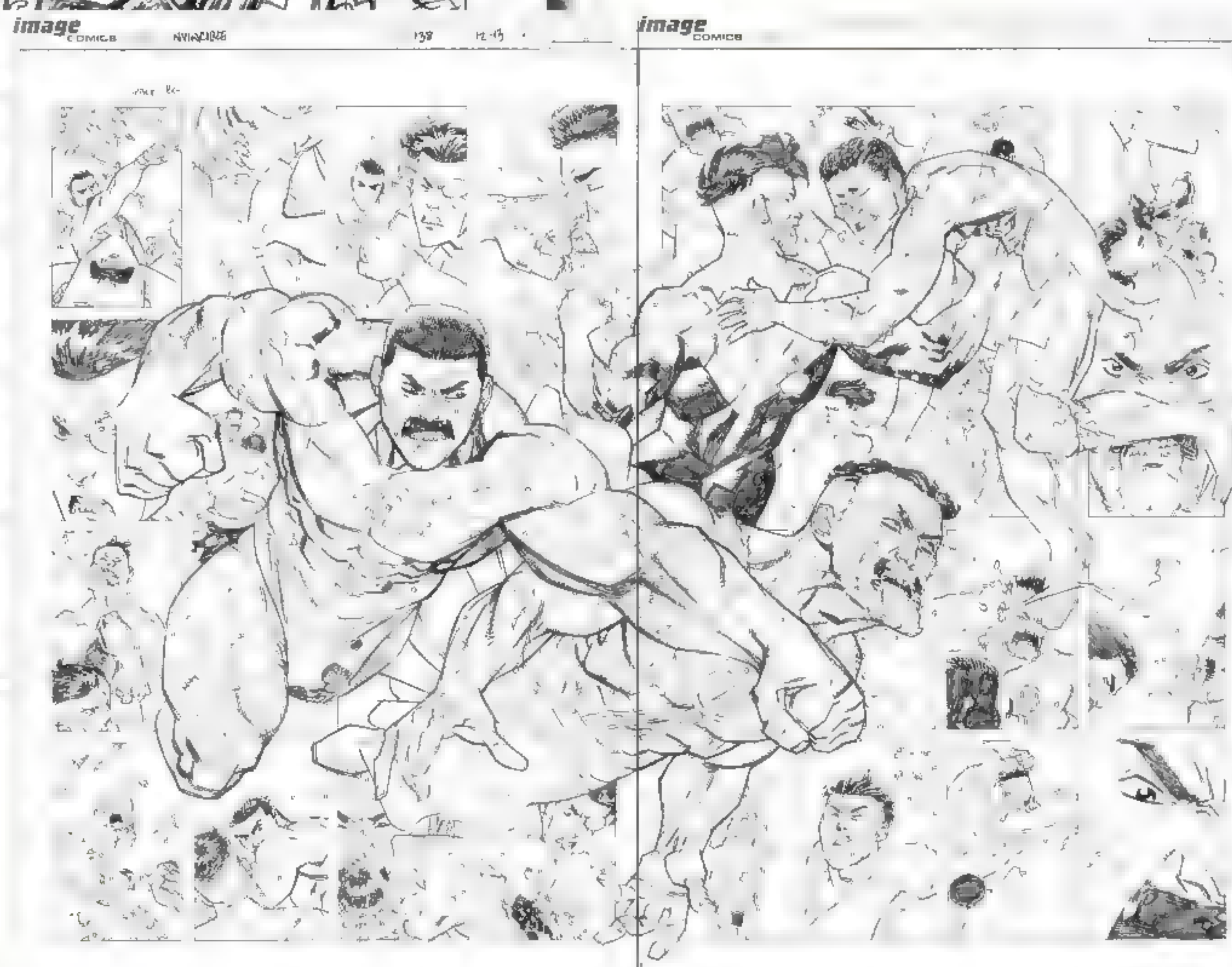
RYAN: *Probably the most time consuming double-page splash I've drawn. Lots of figures means LOTS and lots of time.*

ROBERT: Hmmm... looks easy to me.

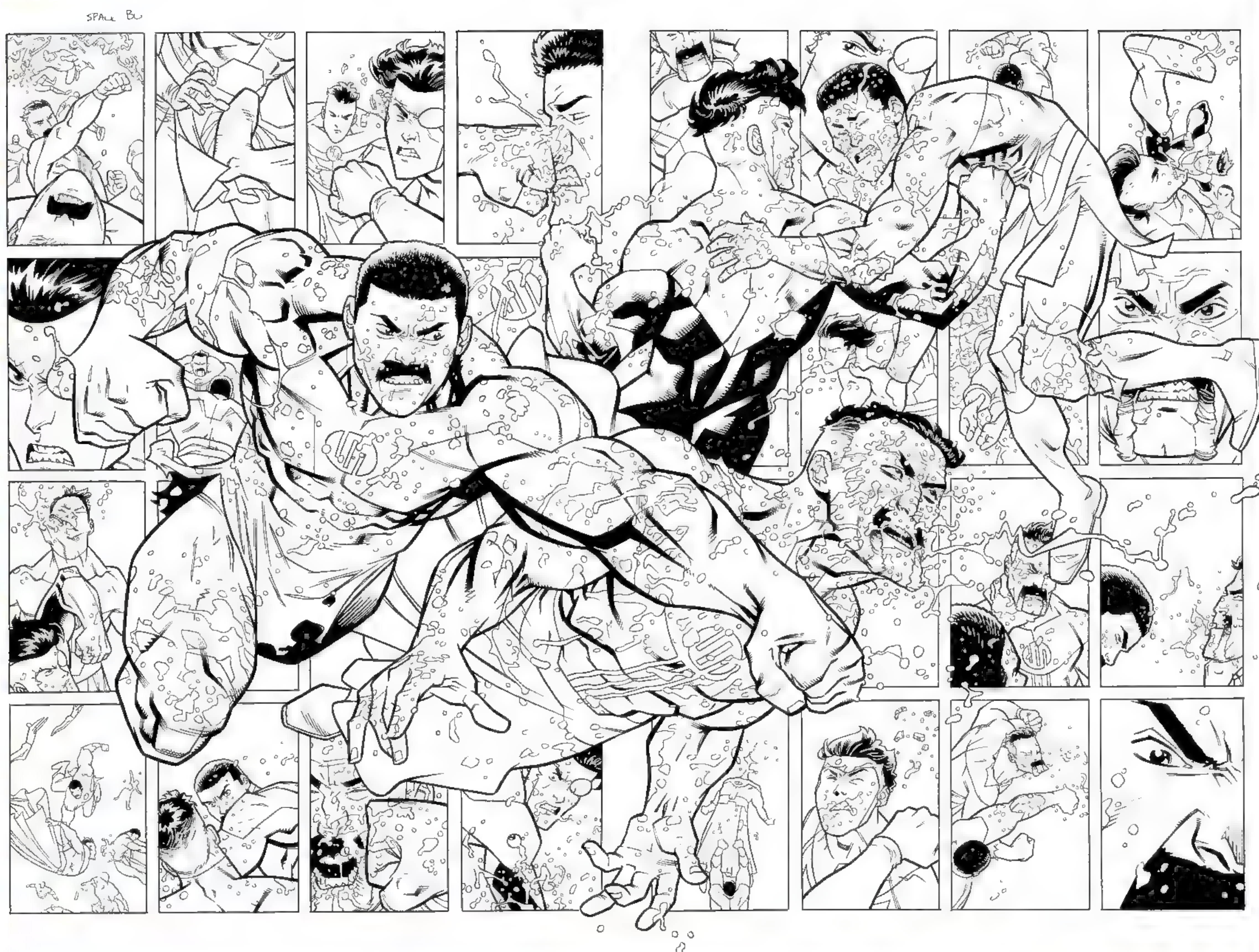








ROBERT: Ryan has nothing to say about this spread?! Man, sometimes I write things into the book just so I can see them. Maybe that's irresponsible, but when it results in spreads like THIS, I stand behind it! I asked Ryan to mimic the CLASSIC spread that appeared in INVINCIBLE #27 so that I could compare the two and see how much Ryan has grown as an artist, and to also kind of reflect on the series, kind of like... look how different things are now, and yet still the SAME. Anyway, it's a rad couple of pages! Woo!



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RYAN: Sometimes I draw this kind of stuff for fun, then sell it on my online shop. That's all I got! One more volume after this one! We are almost done!

ROBERT: You're going to make me cry!



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